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## General

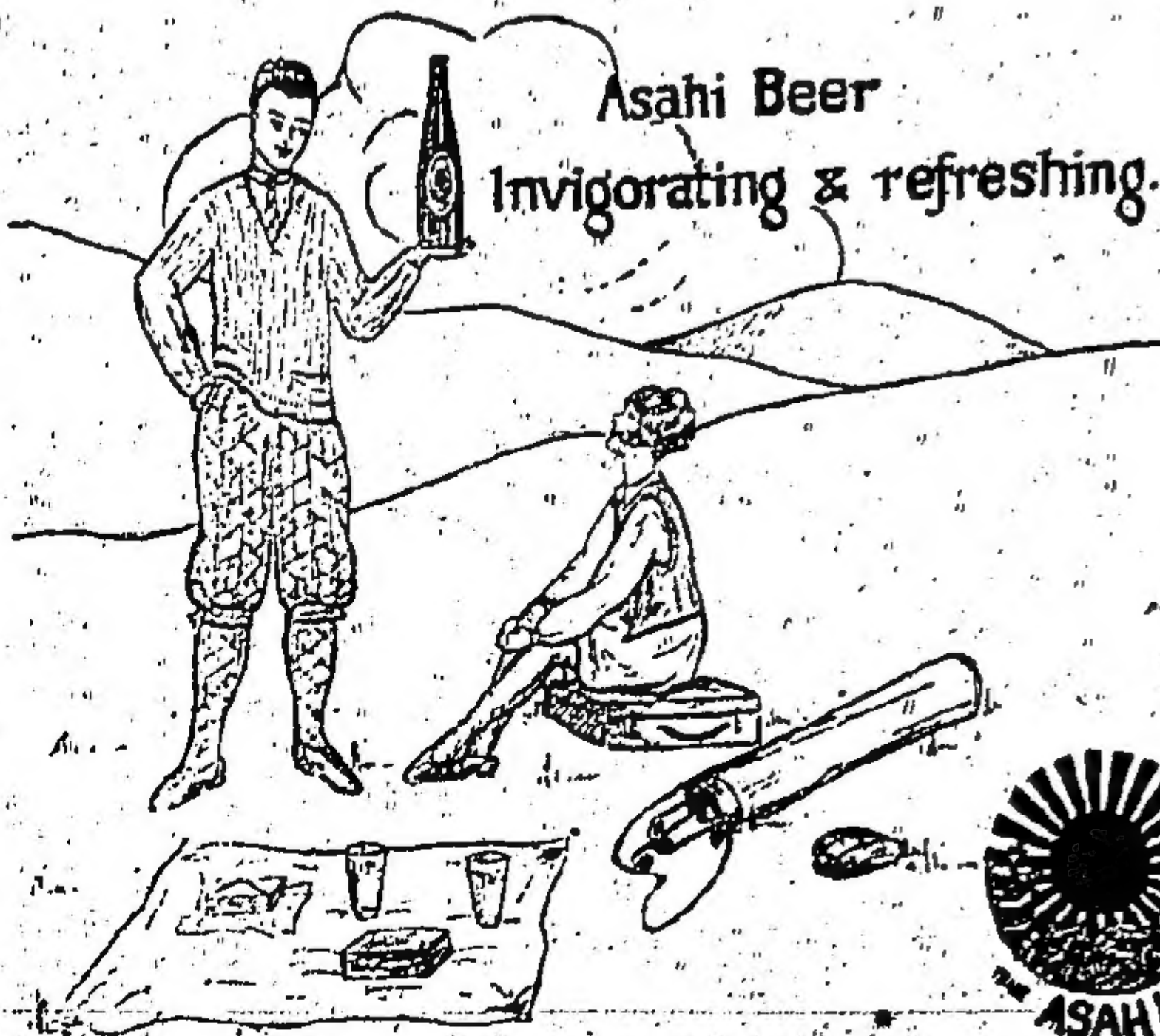
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## Money and Markets

### HONG KONG MARKET REPORTS.

Business done in the Hong Kong market yesterday in rice, sugar and foodstuffs included the following transactions:-

Rice.	Per Picul.
Red Seal White Long Rice, 350 bags	\$7.27
Red Kwai Yu White Long Rice, 102 bags	6.93
Green Horse White Long Rice, 40 bags	7.53
Red Seal Pink Rice, 179 bags	5.92
Green Lion White Long Rice, 1,327 bags	7.07
Red Lion White Long Rice, 1,037 bags	6.93
Blue Lion White Long Rice, 300 bags	6.90
Red Seal New White Rice, 773 bags	5.53
Double Green Line White Glutinous Rice, 174 bags	7.13
Red Seal White Glutinous Rice, 250 bags	7.13
New Style White Rice, 82 bags	5.51
Black Seal No. 1 White Broken Rice, 300 bags	6.31
Blue Seal No. 1 White Broken Rice, 115 bags	6.33
Blue Seal No. 2 White Rice, 45 bags	6.03
Blue Seal White Brewer Glutinous Rice, 177 bags	6.73
Red Seal White Glutinous Rice, 207 bags	6.63
Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 15 coarse powdered sugar, 450 bags	\$6.73
No. 18 coarse powdered sugar, 300 bags	6.53
No. 20 coarse powdered sugar, 1,000 bags	6.70
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar, 300 bags	7.23
Miscellaneous.	
Wood Oil, 200 cns at \$31.30 per can.	
Red melen seeds, 30 bags at \$28.00 per bag.	

### CANTON MARKET REPORTS.

Quotations for rice, sugar, and flour in yesterday's market in Canton were as follow:-

Rice.	Per Picul.
Chai Mi Native Rice	\$11.15
Pak Kan Yok Native Rice	6.80
Ping Chow Glutinous Rice	12.00
Green Lion White Annam Rice	9.53
Red Lion White Annam Rice	9.63
Red Double Sword Annam Rice	9.90
Green Double Arrow Annam Rice	9.75
Red Bell Siam Rice	8.85
Green Elephant Siam Rice	8.75
Red Z Siam Rice	9.70
Red Stars Siam Rice	10.03
Three Marks Siam Rice	9.45
Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 2 coarse powdered sugar	\$ 8.00
No. 3 coarse powdered sugar	7.50
No. 20 coarse powdered sugar	7.60
No. 1 granulated sugar	9.40
No. 1 fine granulated sugar	10.10
Refine sugar	8.50
Wai Chow white sugar	10.10
Flour.	Per Bag.
Man-of-War	\$4.00
Silver Seal	4.15
Banana	4.10
Cheung Luk	4.15
Maize	3.95
Sword of Kwantai	4.30
Cannon	4.60
White Cabbage	4.40
Dalton	4.60
Dog's Head	4.60

### CANTON STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	4th December, 1928.
Water Works	\$3.20
Electric Power Co.	5.00
Hankow-Canton Railways	0.48
The Sun Company	8.45
Sincere Company	9.20
Nanyang Bros. Tobacco Co.	3.70
Canton Tramways	1.90
China Merchant S.S. Navigation Co.	8.30
Central Bank	4.60

### CANTON KEROSENE OIL MARKET.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	December 14th.
New Star	\$7.70
New Balance	7.45
New Hang Fook	7.25
New Eagle	7.15
New Shuang Hi	7.25
New Daybreak	7.25

### SLUMP IN SALT PETRE.

DECREASED MILITARY CONSUMPTION.

One of the consequences of the cessation of civil war in China is a falling off in the demand for salt petre. The makers of crackers and other fireworks are still in the market, but there is little inquiry for the article from those engaged in making more damaging explosives. The salt petre market in Hong Kong is now very dull and quotations have recently dropped from \$30 to \$13 a picul.

### HONG KONG SHARE MARKET.

INACTIVITY ATTRIBUTED TO PROPOSED STAMP LEGISLATION.

MESSRS. BENJAMIN & POTTS' REPORT.

In their report on the local share market, dated yesterday Messrs. Benjamin & Potts state: Although money appears to be plentiful the uncertainties of the proposed Stamp legislation continue to act as a deterrent on the employment of funds in the local share market, and very little business has resulted.

Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks have remained fairly steady and were realised again at \$1,522. The London quotation stands at \$140 (Middle). Unions have changed hands at \$395. Hong Kong Fire and Marine Insurance Co. has been obtained at \$780. China Underwriters have realised to \$235.

Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are required for at \$290. Union Waterboats can be placed at \$225. China Providents have eased off to \$4.86. Kowloon Wharves again fetched \$133.

Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels were negotiated at the outset at \$9.35, but close slightly easier with sales reported at \$84. Hong Kong Lands have further declined to \$644. Shanghai Lands have had a smart rise to Tls. 160, due to an issue of bonus shares in the proportion of one new share to five old. Humphreys Estates have been dealt in at the reduced rate of \$145.

Hong Kong Trams fell away to \$19 but have since recovered to a buying quotation of \$194. Hong Kong Electric were booked down to \$22 and \$51 for the old and new shares respectively. China Lights (old) were also on the weak side and were put through at \$12. A sudden demand for Star Ferries has lifted the price from \$67 to \$91. China Buses were sold to the North at Tls. 10.80.

Dairy Farms are slightly firmer with buyers at \$21.40. Telephones are wanted at \$7.10 cum Rights. Green Island Cements (combined) fell away to \$3.80 but were bid up to \$4 at the close.

Kailans, with a dividend of 5/- pending, are in demand at 73/-, Benquies are steady at Pa. 21. A dividend of 5/- centavos has been declared. Eggs have been in good demand and the price has advanced to Tls. 134. Shanghai Cottons (old) have also strengthened and have buyers at Tls. 654. Orientals are unchanged at Tls. 2.40. Hong Kong Government 6 per cent. Loan is obtainable at 5 per cent. premium.

### CANTON COTTON YARN REPORTS.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	December 13th.
No. 42 Five Sols	\$352.00
Fui Hee	313.00
Butterfly	328.00
No. 32 Pine Deer	468.00
Tin Koon	460.00
Double Horse	454.00
No. 50 City of Gold	327.00
Globe	328.00
Ho Chao	318.00
Double Horse	323.00
Tin Koon	324.00
Double Elephant	314.00
Tram Car	310.00
Man Clock	313.00
Shepherd	314.00
Three Star	314.00
No. 18 Globe	308.00
Fui Kwai	302.00
No. 12 City of Gold	292.00
Peacock	285.00
Tram Car	275.00
Aeroplane	275.00
No. 10 Sailing Vessel	263.00
City of Gold	263.00
Peacock	267.00
Lotus Bee	217.00
No. 6 Lion	210.00
Lion No. 2	198.00

### THE WEAVING INDUSTRY.

There are several weaving factories in Hong Kong and the volume of business done with England, Germany and Japan in woven goods, such as singlets, socks, shawls, etc., amounts to over \$2,000,000 a year.

Local productions are inferior to the imported goods, and although every description of woven goods is manufactured here, none of them are up to foreign goods. In some cases, German products are cheaper.

Since the anti-Japanese boycott came into force, the hope was expressed that local weaving factories would capture a portion of the trade, but this hope has not been realised owing to the difficulty in getting yarn. The pickets ruthlessly seized such goods on the ground that they had come from Japan. The Chinese factories have been forced to buy yarn from India, and as these take a long time in transit the prices are higher than the Japanese goods, the prices of which have recently dropped from \$30 to \$13 a picul.

### NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS.

The following quotations, current in New York on December 7th, have been received by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Co., Shanghai, who assume no responsibility for cable mutilations.

Market closed weak.

Business done, 5,432,000 shares.

Stock	Previous	Latest
Allied Chem. & Dye (Com.)	237	235
American Can (Com.)	106 1/2	104
American Smelting	235	234
American Tel. & Tel. (Com.)	192 1/2	190
American Tobacco "B"	181	178
Armour & Co. "A"	184	184
Armour & Co. (Ill.) 7% Pfd.	84 1/2	84
Anacosta Copper	108	102
Bank of Montreal	133 1/2	130
Barnard Corp. "A"	400	397
Bethlehem Steel (Com.)	77 1/2	72
Bethlehem Steel, 7% Pfd.	123 1/2	122
Brooklyn-Manhattan Transp.	42	40
Calumet & Hecla	100	100
Camp Corp.	234 1/2	232
Canadian Pacific Railway	35 1/2	35
Carnegie Steel	39 1/2	37
Chicago & West. Railroad	99	99
Chile Copper	134	137 1/2
Chrysler	103 1/2	98
Consolidated Gas of N.Y.	82	77 1/2
Coty Incorporated	84 1/2	84
Davison Chemical	43 1/2	43 1/2
De Pont de N. E.I. (Com.)	183	181
Eastman Kodak	101 1/2	97
For Film "A"	64 1/2	64 1/2
General Cigar	182	181
General Electric Co.	210 1/2	202 1/2
General Motors	103 1/2	99
General Ry. Signal (Com.)	140 1/2	133
Gold Dust	81 1/2	77
Granby Consolidated	46	45
Harsco	87 1/2	83 1/2
Hudson Motor Car	83	81 1/2
International Cement (Com.)	95 1/2	93
International Match, Pfd.	217	210
International Nickel (Com.)	54	53
International Paper Co.	14 1/2	14 1/2
Inter. Franch. Corp. (Com.)	16 1/2	15 1/2
Kalvinator	139 1/2	125 1/2
Kennecott Copper	90 1/2	87 1/2
Liggett & Myers, Cigar "B"	109 1/2	101 1/2
Lorillard Co. (Com.)	201	203
Mack Trucks	27	26
Madison Square Garden	124 1/2	124 1/2
Maytag Co.	127 1/2	123 1/2
Missouri Pacific Pfd.	53	51 1/2
National Dairy Products	150 1/2	145
Packard Motor Car (Com.)	72 1/2	70 1/2
Pennsylvania Railroad	49	47
Phillips Petroleum	410	396
Radio Corporation	158 1/2	154 1/2
Raymond Tobacco, "B"	73	69
Standard Gas & Elec. (Com.)	80	80
Standard Oil of California	56 1/2	53
Standard Oil of Indiana	40 1/2	38 1/2
Standard Oil of New Jersey	74 1/2	71 1/2
Standard Oil of New York	146 1/2	148 1/2
Texas Corporation (Com.)	196 1/2	190 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulphur	213 1/2	208 1/2
Timken Roller Bearing	104	100
Union Carbide	62 1/2	59 1/2
United Pacific R.R. (Com.)	80 1/2	80 1/2
U.S. Leather	40 1/2	39
U.S. Realty & Imp. Co.	163 1/2	157 1/2
U.S. Steel	98 1/2	90 1/2
Venard Corp.	31 1/2	29
Willy Overland Co.	261	251
Wright Aeronautical		

### PARIS STOCK EXCHANGE.

The following quotations, current in Paris on December 6th, have been received by the Banque Franco-Chinese which assumes no responsibility for cable mutilations.

	Fr.
Banque de France	23,800
Banque de Paris	4,890
Banque de l'Union Parisienne	3,960
Unions du Rhone	3,700
Rio Tinto	7,430
Credit Foncier de France	4,870
Credit Lyonnais	3,920
Societe Generale pour favoriser, etc.	1,850
Suez	24,400
P. L. M.	1,260
Nord	2,180
Est	1,090
Chemins de Fer Santa Fe	3,230
Thomson Houston	908
Produits Chimiques d'Alsai	3,790
Forges and Camargues	1,250
Kuhlmann	225
Secteur Marcinelle	700
Path Freres	2,880
Raffinerie Say	711
Credit Foncier de l'Indo-Chine	14,100
Banque de l'Indo-Chine	7,150
Eaux et Electricite de l'Indo-Chine	7,000
Tramways de l'Indo-Chine	12,000
Charbonnages du Tonkin	2,850
Ciments Portland de l'Indo-Chine	1,120
Caoutchouc Indo-Chine	1,430
Terres Rouges	255
Caoutchouc de Cambodge	265
Financiere des Caoutchoucs	3,720
Tramways de Shanghai	

### EXCHANGE RATES.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

	Rueby, Dec. 13th.
Paris	124.15
New York	4.85 1/2
Brussels	34.39
Geneva	25.19
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	93.65
Berlin	20.255
Stockholm	18.14
Copenhagen	18.18
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	34.475
Prague	163 1/2
Helsingfors	199 1/2
Madrid	28.75
Lisbon	111
Bombay	1/6 1/2
Athens	375
Rio	5 1/2
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Bucharest	807 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 1/16
Shanghai	8/7
Hong Kong	8/4
Singapore	8/4 1/2
Silver (forward)	20 1/2

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## MONEY & MARKETS.

### SHANGHAI MARKET REPORTS.

#### EFFECT OF BOYCOTT ON BRITISH TRADE.

The North China Daily News of December 8th, in its review of the week's business, says there is no special feature to report. In the Piece Goods market, the Yuenfong auction totalled 357 packages and a very "satisfactory" tone was evident. Dyed goods were a little disappointing, with orders not particularly plentiful, with the result that speculators had matters a little too much their own way. Prices were slightly lower. Italians registered a drop of 1½ mace and Black Venetians were 1½ mace down.

On the other hand, there was a distinctly brighter tone for Greys and Whites and the market was very much more active than for a considerable time past. White Shirtings and Greys both were up one mace. An outstanding feature in White Shirtings was the renewed activity from Tientsin, and the opinion is expressed that the boycott is tightening up with consequent increased demand for British goods.

Dealers state that the famine in Honan is having a distinctly adverse effect on trade in Hankow, and also that the demand from Shantung is practically nil.

#### Cotton.

On the local Exchange, Yarn shows practically no change from a week ago but cotton is one or two mace up per picul. In New York, American cotton is slightly easier. Deliveries from local mills continue fairly brisk, and there has been an increased demand for cloth.

There are still very heavy stocks of Shensi cotton in Shanghai and with actual business before them, holders are inclined to be reasonable.

Indian cotton still is too dear to be purchased by Shanghai mills.

#### China Cotton.

In their weekly report on China cotton and Yarn, Messrs. J. Spunt & Co. write:—

During the early part of the week our market continued dullish but towards the close there transpired a little more of activity than has been experienced for some time past and due to the little demand on the part of local mills prices rose about 25 candareens higher than the level last attained and whereon a fair volume of business may be said to have been consummated.

As to the immediate future trend of the market taking into consideration the continued steadiness both in Americans and Indians as well as the significance of the apparently reduced receipts from the interior marts, there is every indication of prices appreciating but the extent of which will be regulated more or less by the degree of strength in the expected demand on the part of shorts covering and which would naturally tend to indicate taking advantage of current offerings at ruling rates.

#### Yarn.

We have no change to report in the position of the local yarn market, in that prices ruling are nearly the same as last reported except some of the lower counts having been sold at about 1½ to 2½ cheaper than that of the previous week with a fair amount of business being booked for export to Szechuen. Conditions as regards fine counts continue steadily to improve and inquiry in this line has been considerable while stocks are very small. Spinners firmly maintain their prices and propose to increase their outputs in this direction.

#### Produce.

For the time of year markets continue to be dull. There is a fair general inquiry from abroad but actual business done is small, local dealers generally have adopted a strong attitude and are unwilling to meet European buyers' ideas but the latter show no tendency at present to raise their limits. A few transactions in dry hides, goat skins and sundry articles have been reported but there is little activity in any market. Japanese buyers are purchasing dry cow hides at considerably over the parity of limits from home markets.

#### Metals.

The local market is practically lifeless. There is nothing of interest to report but a few small transactions have been brought to book from Tientsin dealers. There are no inquiries from local dealers for new stock from Home markets and it is thought that there will be little improvement before Christmas.

## PRACTISING AS A DOCTOR.

### CHARGE AGAINST A CHINESE.

#### EVIDENCE OF EXPERTS.

The case in which Wong Sing Pun is charged with practising as a doctor without being a duly registered and qualified person was resumed before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. E. R. Dovey, Government Analyst, giving evidence as an expert on drugs, said that he was present with Inspector Lane at defendant's premises where they took possession of English-made compressed tablets, synthetic drugs, blue pills and other medicines tabled in the list submitted to Court.

The essential difference between Chinese and Western medical practice was that the former used drugs in their crude form whereas the Western practitioner used only the pure active principals extracted from them.

In answer to his Worship's witness stated that he had made a study of Chinese drugs used in the Colony and had a collection of 450 different kinds of drugs, all of which were crude. In witness's opinion Chinese physicians have only started to use European derivatives of the drugs.

Cross-examined by Mr. F. H. Loseby, for the defence, witness said that he examined only a part of the drugs removed from the defendant's office. Witness agreed that a large number of Chinese physicians were practising Chinese medicine whose names were not on the register. He also agreed that it was the duty of every medical practitioner, whether Western or Chinese, to keep himself as up-to-date as possible.

#### Old Chinese Traditions.

Mr. Loseby further asked if witness also knew of any Chinese physician whose father was not of the same occupation.

Mr. Lindsell: I suppose the family traditions must start somewhere. There is a possibility of the race dying out and a new start being made somewhere.

Mr. Loseby: The race started according to tradition, with one. There are such things as doctors multiplying in accordance with the increase in the population.

Mr. Loseby: As an expert witness you are aware that it was the practice among Chinese to hand down medical knowledge from father to son keeping it in the same family?—Yes.

Mr. Loseby suggested that the practice of medicine was not confined to the doctors, that there were other people who were also practising medicine. He referred to the nurses, dressers, and even the members of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

Witness: I don't think these people can be strictly described as practising medicine. They carry out certain specified medical duties. Questioned further, witness said he was not aware that Chinese practitioners confined themselves to one proprietary medicine handed down to them with the family traditions.

In answer to Inspector Lane, witness agreed that, being in concentrated form, European drugs would be more dangerous in the hands of Chinese practitioners.

#### Dr. Kirk's Views.

Dr. E. M. Kirk, another medical expert called by the prosecution, said he had been practising in China since 1910 and had been up-country for a number of years. He had several personal friends among Chinese herbalists and he had consulted with them. "Herbalist," witness said, was the most convenient term to apply to the Chinese practitioner, but it was not a suitable term to describe Chinese practice entirely because there were other branches such as minor surgery where they used plasters.

Westerners also knew that Chinese practitioners used needles and also a method of counter-irritation by pinching and suction, which left livid marks on the skin. Those methods were of great antiquity.

In reply to Mr. Loseby, witness stated that what he meant to convey when he said that he consulted Chinese herbalists was that they had sought his advice.

Dr. Kirk also agreed with Mr. Dovey's definition of the essential difference between Western and Chinese medicine except in the things he had mentioned. The evidence of several Chinese witnesses in the afternoon closed the case for the prosecution.

## TOWN TOPICS.

### Unrehearsed Shows: A Kowloon Contrast; St. Peter's Church Repairs; A Motor Boat Danger; Seasonal Greetings Overseas.

#### Unrehearsed Shows.

The exigencies of space cause a great deal of trouble in the Colony. It is certainly unfortunate that Manila Shows—an excellent entertainment, which is drawing people of all nationalities—should have been allotted exactly the place where it is being held. There is no need to particularise about some of the streets opposite. It is a pity, however, that certain gallant seafarers—not from the British Navy—should patronise the Ferris wheel, aeroplanes and roundabouts clad in what might be euphemistically called "fancy dress," and accompanied!

An English lady protested to an Indian constable about the behaviour of one party, but the gallant guardian of the law after a good look at the offenders decided that, alone and unaided, he could not undertake the formidable task of ejection. As he couldn't leave his post to get help he fell back on the good old adage—Maskee!

#### A Kowloon Contrast.

Opposite the Peninsula Hotel there has sprung up, as if by magic, a charming little garden, where little more than a week ago was an untidy piece of waste ground. A few hundred yards further along the road is an enclosure where the European children of Kowloon spend a large part of their daylight hours. The contrast between the two is sharp—one bright, pretty and cheerful, the other arid and dirty.

The residents of the Hotel have decoration and luxury on every side within doors, and lest they should glance from the window they have been provided with a vision of flowers, palms and grass. When it was suggested that a garden on suitable lines should be provided for the new children's playground all sorts of objections were raised as to the difficulties of finding turf or transplanting trees. Perhaps the P.W.D. will learn a lesson from the Hotel Company—that where there's a will there's a way. If this fails we would suggest that parties of tourists staying at the Hotel be conducted down the road to the playground, possibly they might spare from their abundance, sufficient money to give the children the surroundings which are their birth right and essential to their physical well being.

#### St. Peter's Church.

Some of our citizens who are interested in St. Peter's Church, an old landmark of the Colony, are asking when the much needed repairs to the building are going to begin. A great deal has been heard of it and when the first bazaar was held under the auspices of the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club in 1927, it was definitely stated that funds raised from the fête would be partly donated toward the repair funds of the Church. That fête, if I am not mistaken, yielded a net profit of \$3,000 odd, and though the second bazaar has been held a month ago—nothing has so far been said about the repairs.

It is a pity to keep the public ignorant. They are interested and contributed to the success of the fête. The Church is in a bad condition and it was partly due to that that the public was so generous.

#### Motor Boat Danger.

Our Marine Magistrate is kept busy every morning listening to cases of sampans navigating the harbour without regulation lights, steam launches sounding their sirens unnecessarily, craft anchoring in typhoon shelters during prohibited hours and many other minor offences which the alert members of the Water Police Force do their best to stop.

The Harbour Office staff as well as the Water Police are also wide awake in cases of vessels carrying more passengers than allowed by their certificate, and in the matter of overloading, but there is a distinct danger which they have so far failed to check.

I refer to the dangerous habit of public motor boat coxswains using lighted matches to ascertain the quantity of gas left in the tank. I happened to be on a motor boat one night and during the course of an hour's cruise, the man struck no fewer than five matches to look into the tank. One expected a flash at any moment and a swim for dear life!

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## THE NATURAL AIR ROUTES OF CHINA.

HOW TO ESTABLISH AIR MAIL AND PASSENGER SERVICES IMMEDIATELY.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF STANDARDIZATION.

[By R. VAUGHAN-FOWLER.]

In many parts of the world aerial services have become so common that passengers do not even mention the fact that they have journeyed by air. In China there are no aerial services in operation at present, but extensive plans are being prepared so as to establish air mail and passenger services in the very near future. It is therefore of interest to examine the situation to discover along what lines progress can best be made, always bearing in mind that finance plays an important part.

Aviation in China is in the hands of the military, and now that their war activities have come to an end it is only natural that they wish to turn their attention to the development of Commercial Aviation. It has been realised that aerial services are of the greatest importance to China, and the work of developing these services is in the hands of the Aviation Department in different parts of the country, who are the only organised bodies with a knowledge of aviation, they have before them an extremely difficult task, firstly because they have no experience of operating commercial air lines, and secondly there are no aircraft suitable for the work in China, except the two Ryan monoplanes at Canton. They have one advantage, they have seen the mistake that was made in England just after the war, the Aerial Transport Companies attempting to operate old war machines as passenger and mail carriers, with the result that they would have all gone bankrupt if the Government had not stepped in and amalgamated them. Actually, some did go smash before the amalgamation.

Aviation in no way differs from any undertaking, there is a right and a wrong way, and a general rule the wrong way appears the easier of the two. In this particular case the wrong way appears to be remarkably simple, all that is necessary to get the air lines going is to use some of the obsolete aircraft that are available. The result would be that the services would not only be a failure, they would be a positive danger, as they would never be efficient, and instead of spreading confidence in aerial transport amongst the merchants, they would give the public the impression that it is unreliable and unsafe.

It is no good being wise after the damage is done, it will be far better for China if she looks before she leaps; too much enthusiasm is a dangerous thing when applied to aviation, and it is sincerely hoped that those responsible for the future of aerial transport will thoroughly investigate the problems attaching to the operation of commercial aircraft.

First of all the actual routes to be operated must be carefully surveyed, not only geographically, but also from an economic and commercial point of view. When this has been done there will be time enough to consider what type or types of aircraft will be best suited to the work. In the selection of these aircraft the topography of the routes and landing places is going to play an important part, and at the same time the peculiar meteorological features of the country must not be forgotten, especially humidity.

Looking still further ahead the necessary personnel looms up as a gigantic difficulty, experienced pilots and engineers capable of operating large commercial aircraft do not exist in number worthy of serious consideration. The solution of this difficulty takes us back to the very beginning of the whole problem, and there is only one method by which this question of personnel can be solved. As quickly as possible a first class Training School must be established, as pilots and engineers take longer time to train, than it takes to buy aircraft. Such a School as I have in mind could be established at very small cost, the money required being less than the cost of one three engine commercial aircraft.

Efficient and reliable pilots can be trained in China provided the system of training is revised and brought up to modern European standards, for preference the Training School should be modeled on English lines, as our system of teaching is far in advance of any other nation. First class training cannot be carried out with old and obsolete equipment.

Lack Of Suitable Landing Grounds.

One of the problems to be faced is that of finding suitable aerodromes and landing grounds along the Air Routes. It has been proved both in Europe and America that the success of an air line largely depends on the amount, and efficiency of the ground organisation. This ground organisation includes the establishment of aerodromes and landing grounds, all along the routes at intervals of not more than 100 miles, the ideal being not more than fifty miles apart. Unfortunately China is badly situated in this respect as rice fields are not suitable for aircraft to land in, or take off from. Hence the less the problem

## THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

INCORPORATION TO BE APPLIED FOR.

CHAIRMAN EXPLAINS REASONS.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon to pass resolutions with a view to obtaining incorporation under the Companies Ordinances of Hong Kong.

Mr. T. G. Weall (Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.), the Chairman of the Chamber, presided and the following members of the General Committee were present: The Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie (Vice-Chairman), the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes (the Chamber's representative on the Legislative Council), the Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith, Mr. Neillage S. Brown, Mr. Paul Lander, Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mr. F. A. Perry, with Mr. R. A. "Wadsworth" (Messrs. Deacons, solicitors to the Chamber for the purpose of incorporation) and the Secretary (Mr. M. F. Key).

### THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman said:—Before proposing the resolutions which you have just heard I should like to say a few words regarding the reasons for the steps which are contemplated.

The Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce was first formed in the year 1861 with a foundation membership of 62 (which it is interesting to note included several firms whose representatives are with us on the present occasion). At that time a fairly simple form of organization was considered sufficient and under it the Chamber has done a great deal of useful work for 67 years.

As was only to be expected, the membership has during later years considerably increased and consequently there are many spheres of manufacture, shipping and commercial activity now coming within the scope of the Chamber's business which it is difficult to deal with properly under the existing organization.

In addition to this, the liabilities and responsibilities of the Chamber have substantially increased, more particularly in connection with the certification of rice exported from Hong Kong; and in a great number of instances officials of the Chamber are called upon to carry out very onerous and responsible duties.

"Unlimited Liability."

As was explained in the circular sent with the notice convening this meeting, members of an unincorporated Association have an unlimited liability in relation thereto; any one having a claim against the Chamber can—after he has exhausted the Chamber's funds—pursue the members individually until he obtains full satisfaction. Your Committee are anxious to protect the members from any such unpleasant consequences, and in this connection I should like to point out that under the proposed Memorandum of Association of the Chamber, when registered, the liability in the future of each member will be limited to £10. It is also significant that the principal cities in the British Isles have all adopted the safeguard of incorporation.

Advised By Legal Sub-Committee.

In view of this your Committee has been advised by the Legal Sub-Committee that it is highly desirable, in the interests of the members, that the Chamber should secure the advantages and limitations of liability, which would be obtained by the registration of the Chamber as a Limited Company under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinances.

I do not think that the proposed Memorandum and Articles of Association call for special comment. Messrs. Deacons, by whom they were prepared, have based them on those of the Chambers of Commerce of London, Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham and the British Rumanian Chamber. All that is considered best has been taken from the Memoranda and Articles of Association of those Chambers and incorporated in those suggested for adoption by the Chamber in Hong Kong. Members have had an opportunity during the last two weeks or more of perusing the draft at the Offices of the Chamber. The objects as set out in the Memorandum are those almost universally adopted by Incorporated Chambers (Continued on next Column).

### Does China Require Aerial Services?

In a year when practically every thinking person is agreed that aerial transport has come to stay and is of the greatest importance it seems ridiculous to ask such a question. Several years ago the same people were doubtless asking, 'does China require good roads with motor-cars and motor-bus services?' My answer to the first question is, count the motors in use to-day wherever there is a road, and try to get a seat in one of the motor-buses serving the public in any Chinese town such as Canton.

of Commerce and include the foundation of scholarships to assist young persons training for commercial careers and to advance and promote commercial and technical education; apart from this the Memorandum might almost be called "common form."

### An Alteration!

So far as the Articles of Association are concerned there is little to say, and I only propose to touch on one or two points arising out of them; it has been thought desirable to encourage firms and limited companies to become members as such; and for that purpose it is provided by the Articles that no person being a member of a partnership firm, or a Director or officer of a Company, shall be qualified for election as an individual member unless his firm or company are already members of the Chamber, or unless the General Committee in view of any special circumstances sanction his election.

It is hoped to have the old Association wound up and the new Company formed and registered by the 1st of January next year. The General Committee will consist of the same members who compose the present Committee; their names are set out in the Articles of Association and they are to hold office until the annual meeting in 1930, instead of retiring at the usual annual meeting which will be held a little over a month from the present date.

The need for confidential representations to local or foreign authorities has been recognised and the Committee has been given power, by Article 42, to make representations on behalf of any section of the members to any appropriate authority and in their discretion to keep such representations and the results secret.

The Committee are also given power to make "Bye Laws" to govern the general business of the Chamber, and I may say that a complete set of "Bye Laws" for the conduct of arbitrations has been compiled, with forms for the use of arbitrators, and when approved will be printed and incorporated with the Memorandum and Articles, a copy of which will be sent to all members. In case of any doubt as to the procedure to be adopted members can then refer to the "Bye Laws" for guidance and act without fear of making any false step. The Articles also provide that all members of the present Association shall automatically become members of the Limited Company under the Articles.

I do not think that there is anything further that I can add, and I, therefore, beg to move the resolutions contained in the notice—namely:—

1.—That the above named Association be wound up and that for that purpose Messrs. John Fleming and Archibald Ritchie, Chartered Accountants, both of 3, Queen's Road, Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, be appointed liquidators with all necessary powers for conducting and completing such winding up at a remuneration to be settled by the Committee.

2.—That in the place of the named Association a Company Limited by guarantee be formed and registered under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, 1911-1925, and that such formation and registration be undertaken and carried out by the existing Committee of the above named Association and that the Memorandum and Articles of Association thereof be determined and settled by them in such manner as in their absolute discretion they shall think fit and that the assets and records of the above named Association be taken over by and transferred to the Company forthwith after the completion of the said winding up and the said registration; and that all necessary expenses of and incidental to such winding up formation registration and transfer be paid by the said Committee out of the funds of the above named Association.

To Wind Up Present Organisation.

During the next two weeks the necessary steps will be taken to wind up the present organization and to register the new Company so that it shall come into being on the 1st of January, 1930.

As an Association existing not for the purpose of profit a license will be applied for and will doubtless be granted by His Excellency the Governor to omit the word "Limited" from its title.

There will be no necessity to trouble the members to attend any further meeting in connection with this matter, and I thank you for your attendance and the close attention which you have given to the business at hand.

The resolutions having been seconded were carried unanimously. The following members were represented:—Messrs. J. M. Alves & Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. M. Alves); Messrs. A. V. Apear & Co., Ltd. (Mr. D. H. Cooper); Messrs. Banker & Co., Ltd. (Mr. Lo Hoi Tung); the British-American Tobacco Co. (China), Ltd. (Mr. F. A. Perry); Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, Ltd. (Mr. N. S. Brown); the Chun On Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. T. N. Chau); the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes (Mr. C. Ledos); Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd. (Mr. T. G. Weall and Mr. F. Syme Thomson); Messrs. Fung Tang, (Mr. Wong Tak Kwong); the General Electric Co. of China, Ltd. (Continued on next Column).



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Mr. Henrique Nolasco da Silva, Consul for the Netherlands in Macao, was on Wednesday afternoon invested by Mr. J. M. Quist, Consul-General for the Netherlands in Hong Kong, with the Order of Officer in the Order of Orange Nassau.

A largely attended reception was given by the Consul and Mrs. Nolasco da Silva at their residence in Macao during which the investiture was performed. In the course of his speech Mr. Quist said that, in the eleven years of his Consulship, Mr. Nolasco da Silva had proved his sterling worth to the Government of Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, and that during the last six years he had given great services to the Netherlands Harbour Works Company of Amsterdam in the improvement of Macao Harbour.

Mr. Nolasco da Silva replied suitably and proposed a toast to Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina, the Dutch Empire, and the continuance of friendly relations between Portugal and the Netherlands.

(Mr. A. B. Raworth); Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd. (the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie); Messrs. A. Goeke & Co. (Mr. A. Goeke); Messrs. T. M. Gregory & Co. (Mr. H. M. Gregory); Messrs. T. E. Griffith, Ltd. (Mr. E. A. Dixon); the Hong Kong and China Gas Co., Ltd. (Mr. L. J. Blackburn); the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd. (Mr. F. R. Marsh); the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp. (the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes); Messrs. J. D. Hutchison & Co. (Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mr. P. S. Cassidy); Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (the Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith); the Kaiian Mining Administration (Mr. W. Wright); Messrs. Keller, Kern & Co., Ltd. (Mr. E. Kern); Messrs. Lowe Bingham & Matthews (Mr. J. Fleming); Messrs. W. R. Loxley & Co. (Mr. W. L. Patenden); Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co. (the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie and Mr. A. E. Martin); the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd. (Mr. T. Takahashi); Messrs. A. B. Moulder & Co., Ltd. (Mr. Wong Oi Kut); the National City Bank of New York (Mr. G. M. Hall); the Nippon Yusen Kaisha (Mr. Y. Uchida); Messrs. J. M. da Rocha & Co. (Mr. J. M. da Rocha); Messrs. Alex. Ross & Co., Ltd. (Mr. A. W. Hayward); the Shui On Steamships Co., Ltd. (Mr. T. N. Chau); Messrs. Sing-Hing & Co. (Mr. N. C. Horne); the South British Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. F. S. Harrison); Mr. B. M. Tait; the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. (Mr. Paul Lander); Messrs. Harry Wicking & Co. (the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes).



**GENERAL CHEN MING SHU.**

LAYS DOWN HIS POLICY.  
SPECIAL INTERVIEW WITH  
OUR CORRESPONDENT.

COMPLETE ACCORD WITH  
MARSHAL LI TSAI HSIN.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 14th.  
General Chen Ming Shu, Chairman-elect of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, will not assume office on the 15th of this month. Although the General has left the Canton Sanatorium, he is not as yet well enough to be inducted to his new post. He is, however, selecting his personnel and considering the execution of the improvements and reforms proposed during Marshal Li's administration. He has definitely announced that he will take oath of office on the 22nd of this month. Marshal Li's outgoing staff are busily winding up all the accounts and preparing to be turned over to the new administration.

Yesterday General Chen was feasted at the "National Garden" by Brigadier General Hsu Hok Cheung and the representative of General Pan Sheng Shiang. These two men returned to Canton recently from the North River districts where they had been combating Communists and bandits. Besides General Chen, their guest of honour, they also invited a large number of Canton notables, including Marshal Li Tsai Hsin, Dr. Chao Hsin Chu and practically all the Headquarters staff of the 8th Military Route. Owing to some important business Marshal Li could not come but the rest of the invited guests were present and the banquet proceeded joyfully with Chen Ming Shu as the central figure.

**GEN. CHEN INTERVIEWED.**

In an interview with our correspondent this morning in his residence in Tungshan the General Chen repeated that he has decided to take his oath of office on December 22nd.

"May we know what are your plans for the reconstruction of Kwangtung?" our correspondent asked.

"Marshal Li will take care of these things," he replied, "I am merely helping him."

"Have you resigned your post of commander of the 11th Army yet?" our correspondent asked.

"Yes," was the reply, "I have already sent in my resignation to the Nationalist Government."

"Who will then be your military successor? Will it be Chiang Kwong Nai, the present Vice-Commander of the 11th Army?"

"Most probably so," he replied.

"It is reported that you will concurrently be the Commissioner of Civil Affairs of the Province. Is this true?" our correspondent asked.

"No," was the reply.

"Will there be any changes in the Departmental Chiefs of the Provincial Government?" our correspondent asked.

"All the Commissioners will remain just as they are; I am satisfied with their work. As to the chief secretary of the Provincial Council who has resigned, I think Mr. Sun Hsi Man, my chief secretary, is worthy of the post."

The Chairman-elect then went on to say that there has been a great deal of misunderstanding as regards his supposed policy. This misunderstanding, he said, was especially noticeable in foreign circles where the opinion is held that there will be a change in the foreign policy of Kwangtung. "The foreign policy of the Nationalist Government will be strictly adhered to," he said to our correspondent. "Marshal Li's policy which is identical with that of the Central Government will be continued with no alteration whatever. No matter who helps the Marshal, the attitude of Kwangtung towards foreigners will remain what it has been—friendly and reciprocal."

**STOLEN RICE—SAMPAH MAN SENTENCED.**

A Chinese sampah master was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy, for having stolen some 600 pounds of rice which was found on his sampah off Wanchai. The defendant said that the rice was given to him by some customers who were unable to pay their fares. The explanation was not accepted and the Magistrate imposed a sentence of two months' hard labour.

The defendant was arrested by Sergeant Bowers. The defendant's boat was stopped and after a thorough search the rice was found concealed beneath the deck boards.

**WUCHOW BRITISH CONSULATE.**

HANDED BACK TO CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

MR. J. H. BRENNAN'S GOOD OFFICES.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 14th.  
Mr. J. H. Brennan, acting under instructions of the British Government, has handed over the old Wuchow British Consulate to the Kwangsi Government. The rendition has followed friendly negotiations between Mr. Brennan and Dr. Chao Hsin Chu, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs of Kwangtung, and General Wong Shiu Hung, Commander of the 15th Army and Chairman of the Kwangsi Government. The premises and grounds are situated on a beautiful hill on the outskirts of Wuchow and are very spacious. The site was permanently leased to the British Government by the private owner some decades ago. For a long time a British Consul was stationed there, but since the Hong Kong-Canton general strike in 1925, the consul left Wuchow and the premises have been closed ever since. From that time on the Consulate has been guarded by the authorities of Wuchow and General Wong Shiu Hung had long been wanting to open rendition negotiations with Great Britain. He recently came to Canton and consulted with Dr. Chao about the matter.

Through the help of Mr. Brennan, the British Government agreed to return the old Consulate to the Kwangsi Government. It was agreed that the Kwangsi Government should pay \$25,000 Hong Kong currency, as a part of the value of the buildings. The payment was duly made and Mr. Brennan has written a letter to the Kwangtung Foreign Commissioner acknowledging receipt of same on the 14th of this month. The rendition is therefore complete and satisfactory. The Chinese Government is quite happy over it and is of the opinion that this friendly act on the part of the British Government will go a long way towards cementing the good relations between the two nations.

**A JAPANESE COMPLAINT.**

OWED \$800,000 BY CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

A Japanese, named K. Todokara, complained before Mr. Justice P. Jackson at the Summary Court yesterday morning that the Chinese Government owed him \$800,000 and that he had been unable to collect it. He produced papers to substantiate his statement and mentioned that the matter had come before the Supreme Court of Hong Kong.

This complaint was made when Todokara was mentioned as the defendant in an action brought against him by the Yue Kee Company for the recovery of the sum of \$70, being two months rent due by the defendant and another sum of \$216 due under a Chinese promissory note.

Defendant admitted his liabilities and said that the Chinese Government owed him \$800,000 which he had been unable to collect. He applied for instalments, and his Lordship said that he would hear the application in Chambers on December 22nd.

**CHARGES AGAINST CHINESE WINE MERCHANT DISMISSED.**

The charges against the Man Lee Wine & Spirit Shop at No. 654, Shanghai Street, Yau-mat for dealing in adulterated liquor, selling same to the Fuk Cheong Shop in Percival Street, and having in his possession a quantity of dutiable liquor, were dismissed by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. H. A. Taylor, of the Revenue Department, prosecuted and the defendant was represented by Mr. J. H. Brennan.

**"TOM JONES."**

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY'S TRIUMPH.

AN OLD ENGLAND PRODUCTION.

COMPANY'S FINE TEAM WORK.

Everyone in Hong Kong who sees the Philharmonic Society's production of "Tom Jones" will enjoy it. The Service men who were present at the rattling good dress rehearsal on Wednesday night were delighted, and what Service men think is an extremely good criterion, for they are both critical and appreciative. What was promised at the trial run was more than fulfilled last night and the house re-echoed to the applause of a big audience that enjoyed every minute of the performance. That curious partnership between stage and auditorium—the sense of enjoying a good thing together—which is half the charm of the theatre was noticeably strong in this production—to put it in a phrase, the thing went well.

**The Charm of Edward German.**

Edward German, the composer of "Tom Jones," we are repeatedly told, is the legitimate successor of Sullivan, and it is true enough that in "Tom Jones," notably in the quartettes and in the gentle mockery of grand opera, one hears an echo of the immortal "Gilbert and Sullivan." But German stands on his entirely English quality. He takes the most English of settings—eighteenth century "Zomerset"—and he uses traditional English airs, far more than Sullivan for his foundations. In his songs and his dances is the lilt of the hunting ballad, the drinking round and Morris dance. German, moreover, can compose a love passage and the song, sung with exquisite tenderness by Mrs. Bowes Smith and the chorus "off" when Tom Jones' supposed perjury is revealed, was the musical gem of the evening.

**A Good Story.**

"Tom Jones" has one real advantage over most light operas, it has a clear, simple story to tell. There is none of the raggadness and over complexity of "Merrie England." It is just the love story of Tom and Sophia Western. It never gets away from that; every song leads in one way or another. When sprightly Honour is singing a song to weddle someone who never forgets the purpose at the back of it, and when the old squire is holding his own with young gallants of London it is all part and parcel of the drama. There is no *tour-de-force* quite as brilliant as the "fish" song of "Merrie England" but the haunting beauty of several of the songs by the two principals equals it if it does not exceed anything that Sullivan or German himself elsewhere have given us. The number already mentioned, "Horse and Gun," sung by Tom Jones near the beginning of the piece and the Waltz song near the end are moments of sheer delight. (The Waltz song was encored twice.) Nor must the openings and finales to each act be omitted. Not the least of their merits is that they are not curtailed and the working out is always satisfying. A good story well told, with excellent music and witty dialogue is a fair description of the piece.

**The Leading Performers.**

Now for the performers. The first impression is how much the company as a whole predominates over any single performer. The chorus was extraordinarily good and things perhaps went best in the entrance and finales when a large number of people, either singly or in duets, had a little show. Now this is probably due to the most talented member of the company, Mrs. Bowes Smith. It is not that she dominates and throws other people into the shade, but in fact the very opposite—she brings out the best of which others are capable and so sees that "the limelight" is evenly distributed. There is a marked difference when Mrs. Bowes Smith is in a production—she acts as a pivot and creates unity and sense of team work; she does it to an extraordinarily unselfish extent, which shows what a very fine player she is. In "Merrie England" despite very brilliant work of individuals, there was a lack of coherence, that three years ago made "The Pirates of Penzance" a delight and is restored again in "Tom Jones."

The main solo work fell on four players, Mrs. Bowes Smith as Sophia Western, Mrs. J. H. Hurrest as Honour, the sprightly maid, (in the tradition of "Merrie England"), Mr. D. M. Richards in the name part and Mr. A. J. J. Brook as Squire Western. All four did astonishingly well. Mrs. Bowes Smith always rose to the occasion in her best singing numbers and

was a charming heroine, while Mrs. Hurrest, after a slightly lame beginning got into her stride with the witty "As All the Maids" and grew in pertness and vivacity as the evening proceeded. A delightful part well interpreted, and she has also a pleasant singing voice.

Mr. D. M. Richards makes Tom Jones a delightful person—a bit of a rake, of course—but ever so fascinating and as honest at heart as Squire Western himself. His entry, dragged in protesting by a group of lasses and his "West Country Lad" struck the right key from the start. He must beware of trying to make his voice too much, but it is quite strong enough and its low notes are extremely pleasing.

Mr. A. J. J. Brook has given us over a number of years very admirable interpretations of the "Harry Lytton" parts upon which so much depends. We all remember his "perfect model of a British Major-General" but his Squire Western is even better. How well he looks the part in black satin and white wig. He plays to the life this fine old English gentleman, sportsman and *bon vivant*, an aristocrat with a bucolic flavour. He is all charm and heartiness till his will is crossed, of his gout is troublesome and then! Well, he is a Briton to the core.

Two important roles are those of Benjamin Partridge, barber, quick and faithful henchman of Tom Jones, of which Mr. Oscar Eager gave a very finished performance, and Lady Bellaston played by Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy. Mrs. Bellamy was also the Squire's shrewish sister and very well she interpreted both parts. Her voice is not strong but carries well, especially when no attempt is made to exceed its proper compass.

**Chorus and Minor Parts.**

One of the most difficult things to do on the stage is to clown (it's far harder than making love). The Squire's three servants, Gregory, Grizzle and Dobbin, played by Messrs. P. Hale, R. D. Thomas and R. Dormer, had this difficult task. They did it well—perhaps there was a tendency to overdo it—but the "Barley Mow" song, with their "opposite numbers," Honour, Peggy and Betty (Miss E. D. G. Aris and Mrs. D. M. Richards) was one of the successes of the evening. Squire Allworthy (E. Henton) Bliff (E. G. Canniford) and all the minor parts were very well taken, which shows that the Society has a big reserve of talent.

The chorus we have already mentioned, its singing and by-play were excellent, a real live exhilarating chorus, all doing their best and enjoying it as much as the leaders. Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M., conducted with the skill we all know. Like the good leader he is, more than once he rallied the wavering line and simply rushed them through to victory. His orchestra played extremely well from first to last.

**THE CAST.**

Tom Jones (a founding) (Mr. D. M. Richards).  
Mr. Allworthy (a Somersetshire Magistrate) (Mr. E. Henton).  
Bliff (his nephew) (Mr. E. G. Canniford).  
Benjamin Partridge (a village barber) (Mr. Oscar Eager).  
Square Western (a fine old English gentleman) (Mr. A. J. J. Brook).  
Gregory, Grizzle and Dobbin (his servants) (Mr. P. Hale, Mr. R. D. Thomas, and Mr. R. Dormer).  
Squire Cloddy, Pilmoat and Tony (friends of Squire Western) (Mr. H. G. Annis, Mr. T. J. Magill, and Mr. A. Lewis).  
An Officer (Mr. H. V. Parker).  
Highwaymen (Mr. F. S. W. Smith, Mr. R. W. Sapsed).  
Post Boy (Mr. A. T. Bates).  
Waiter (Mr. G. W. R. Griggs).  
Colonel Hampstead (Mr. H. V. Parker).  
Tom Edward (Mr. T. V. Harmon).  
Col. Wilcox (Mr. C. Bennett).  
Honour (maid to Sophia) (Mrs. J. Hurrest).  
Miss Western (Square Western's sister) and Lady Bellaston (a lady of quality) (Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy).  
Etolf (her maid) (Mrs. E. Larmour).  
Hostess of the Inn at Upton (Mrs. J. Hollidge).  
Bessie Wineacre (Miss F. E. Dunn).  
Lettie Wheatcroft (a friend of Sophia) (Mr. R. Cole).  
Rosie Lucas (Miss M. J. Stewart).  
Susan (serving maid at Upton) (Miss E. D. G. Aris).  
Betty (waiting maid) (Miss E. D. G. Aris).  
Sophia (Squire Western's daughter) (Mrs. A. M. Bowes Smith).  
Programme Ladies: Miss Bella Peston, Miss Kitty Chester, Miss Nellie Reid and Miss Billie Field.

**FAMINE IN SUI YUAN.**

AN APPALLING TRAGEDY.

"CHILDREN LEFT TO DIE."

The Rev. F. J. Griffith, of Church of England Mission, Tatungfu, Shansi, sends us the following report on famine conditions in the Province of Sui Yuan:

On account of drought there was no harvest of grain.

Some sections of the district where irrigation had been adopted the only crop which the authorities allowed to be grown was opium, and this was under Government control. At the time of seed sowing in the Spring no rain fell and the seed grain could not be sown hence the complete failure of the harvest. All supplies of previous years' grain had been used up on account of three years' oppression by bandits.

The bandits are chiefly disbanded Chinese soldiers from the Mongolian border districts and from the Ordos district South of the Yellow River.

The County area which is in dire distress is Saratsi. Many of the villages in Saratsi have been evacuated. The houses have been quilled down for the wood in the doors, window frames and roofing.

Household furniture and household utensils have been sold for food.

**Death And Slavery.**

The women and girls in some cases have been sold and the children left to die.

Some families migrated further over the border to find the districts crowded out and had to return. Many died on the way.

Mr. Peterson of the C.I.M. is with us here buying grain at Tatungfu. Grain in Saratsi is five times the price it is in normal conditions. Here in Tatungfu the price of grain is about one half the price in Saratsi.

In some instances the women sold into slavery have committed suicide by jumping out of the train in transit.

As yet there is no Famine-Relief Work being carried on in the area.

**CHORUS.**

Mr. H. W. M. Harrison, Mrs. V. G. Thomas, Mrs. P. W. Pankhurst, Mrs. R. C. Deane, Mrs. H. L. Mather, Mrs. J. R. Pengelly, Mrs. J. H. Johnston, Mrs. D. W. Bonnell, Mrs. H. Baleen, Mrs. A. E. Greenaway, Mrs. V. N. H. Murdoch, Mrs. A. Johnston, Mrs. J. N. Owen, Mrs. E. Larmour, Mrs. T. W. Carr, Mrs. M. M. Goodall, Mrs. T. J. Magill, Mrs. J. R. Way, Miss M. A. George, Miss B. Bird, Miss M. S. Scott, Miss B. Hirst, Miss D. Smith, Miss K. Murphy, Mr. M. R. Bell, Mr. J. Barnett, Mr. P. F. Robinson, Mr. W. McEvers, Mr. R. Blacklock, Mr. C. W. L. Cole, Mr. J. R. Penzelly, Mr. T. B. Smith, Capt. A. Buttitude, Mr. S. A. Johnston, Mr. D. Trafford, Mr. A. E. Russell, Mr. R. S. Spence, Mr. V. G. Thomas, Mr. R. W. Sapsed, Mr. H. J. Fountain, Mr. A. T. Bates, Mr. O. B. Raven, Mr. F. W. Dunn.

GAVOTTE: Mrs. T. Parkinson, Mrs. W. H. Fitz-Earle, Miss M. A. George, Mr. C. Bennett, Mr. H. V. Parker and Mr. T. V. Harmon. Jig: Mrs. H. L. Mather, Mrs. J. R. Pengelly, Miss R. Cole, Miss F. E. Dunn, Mr. J. Barnett, Mr. F. W. Dunn, Mr. R. Blacklock and Mr. P. F. Robinson.

MORRIS DANCE: Miss M. Bird, Miss E. D. G. Aris, Miss K. Murphy and Mrs. R. C. Deane. SOLEDAD: Mr. W. Jefferys, Mr. E. Uttridge, Mr. E. Nelson and Mr. J. Herbert.

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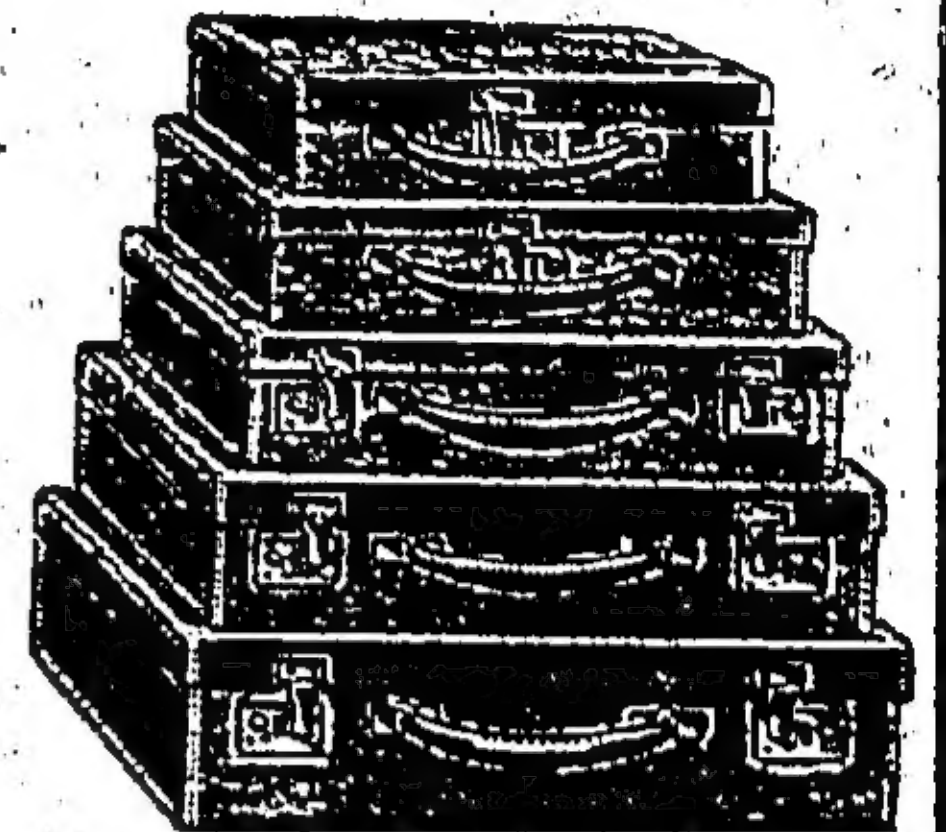
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E. A. LEGGATT, Superintendent.  
Hong Kong, 15th Dec. 1928. [7101]

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Hong Kong, 15th December, 1928. [7102]

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.  
MISCELLANEOUS PROCEEDINGS No. 34 of 1928.

IN THE MATTER OF HAFIC, LIMITED (AND EXCECUTED) AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE 1911-1921.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition presented to the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, on the 21st Day of SEPTEMBER, 1928, for the winding up of the Capital of the above named Company from \$1,000,000 divided into 1,000,000 Shares of 21 each of which 350,000 Shares have been issued to 947,500 Shares of \$1 each, was adjourned from the 29th Day of NOVEMBER, 1928, to the 17th Day of DECEMBER, 1928, at 10.30 O'clock in the Forenoon, to be heard before His Honour Sir Henry GOWLING, Knight, C.M.G., Chief Justice on MONDAY, the 17th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1928, at 10.30 O'clock in the Forenoon.

Any Creditor or Shareholder of the Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for Reducing the Capital of the said Company under the above Ordinance should appear at the time of Hearing by himself or his Counsel for that purpose.

A Copy of the Petition will be furnished to any Creditor or Shareholder of the Company requiring the same by the Underigned on payment of the Regulated Charges for the Same.

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## BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

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## INTIMATIONS.

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THE TENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, 27, Gzomer's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 24th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1928, at 11.30 O'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended 30th September, 1928, and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 17th DECEMBER, 1928, until MONDAY, 24th DECEMBER, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers, Hong Kong, 8th Dec. 1928. [7078]

## UNION CHURCH, HONG KONG.

THERE will be a SALE of HOME-OWNED CAKES, CANDIES and NOVELTIES at the HELENA MAY INSTITUTE on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18th, from 10.30 A.M. to 1.00 P.M., in aid of the Church Renovation Fund. [7095]

## ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

4th JANUARY, 1929.

MEMBERS are Requested to send in their Applications for TICKETS to the BALL as soon as possible to Messrs. RUTLAND & SOMMERFELD, Joint Ball Secretaries, c/o LISTER & DAVIS. [7081]

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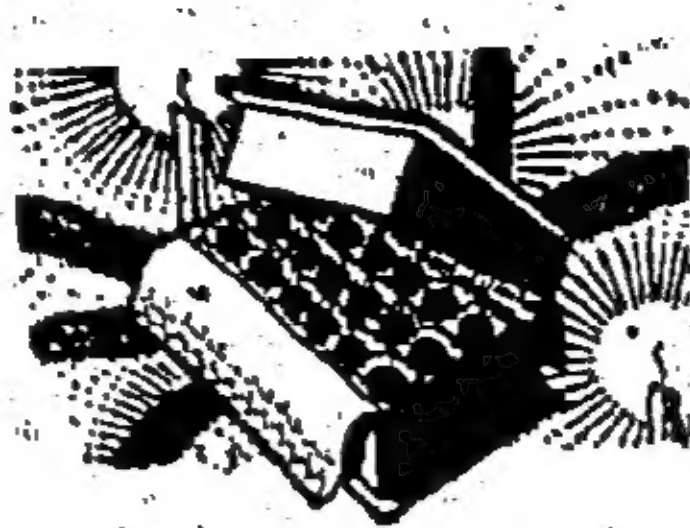
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PEARLS FOR PRESENTS.—Mr. KODAKA will arrive in Hong Kong from JAPAN on DECEMBER 14th with a COLLECTION OF PEARLS. DATE OF EXHIBITION Later. [7093]

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## The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, DECEMBER 15th, 1928.

## ARBITRATION OF TRADE DISPUTES.

MANY business-men in Great Britain have found a better way of settling commercial differences than by going to law. They find that settlement of disputes by arbitration is vastly more speedy, more economical, and certainly no less equitable than by taking their differences to Court.

Arbitration is admittedly not always completely satisfactory to both parties concerned; sometimes it satisfies neither, but the same dissatisfaction is not infrequently felt after much money has been spent in briefing eloquent barristers and in paying the huge bill of costs incurred by fighting out a difference of opinion in the Courts.

Arbitration, in the majority of cases, is the most efficient method of settling disputes arising out of ordinary commercial transactions, and the steadily increasing number of awards made under this system shows that British business-men fully appreciate the advantages of the practice.

Complaint is made by certain Chinese merchants in Hong Kong who have had differences with London business houses that arbitration has been "unfair." Specific details of the alleged unfairness are not available, but we are told that when the market (for preserved ginger in this case) is unfavourable, London invent excuses

in order to escape the consequences

of taking delivery of the goods ordered. Now we are not bold enough to say that no British merchant would ever resort to such practices. The complaint is common to all centres of commerce. When a market is swamped with supplies, consignees who were hopeful of speedily disposing of their shipments at good prices are quite naturally not in a great hurry to take delivery. Defects and damage which would be readily overlooked if the market were very closely scrutinized, if there should be a slump. All this is common practice and knowledge, but the invention of excuses as distinct from legitimate protest against breach of contract or specification—is, another and much more serious matter. An importer who finds a consignment of goods not up to the quality or quantity contracted for is fully entitled to protest and, if need be, to refuse to take delivery. The exporter has no right to complain of such action, even though it may be synchronous with a falling market, and rejection may therefore suit the importer's pocket. If the goods are not up to sample or specification, the London merchant is justified in declining to take delivery—but not in "inventing" excuses.

The Chinese merchants who are dissatisfied with the results of arbitration in London contend that the only fair way of deciding any disputes which may arise is to hold the arbitration proceedings here in Hong Kong. This suggestion is a strange one, for surely the most suitable place to hold arbitration proceedings is at the place where the dispute arises. Take the case of a Chinese merchant in Hong Kong who had a dispute with a local British importing house over a consignment of goods from London. Would he prefer to have the case submitted to arbitrators here in the Colony, or would he rather the case be dealt with at the port of shipment? Unless there were very special and exceptional reasons to the contrary, we are of opinion that the Chinese merchant here would prefer to have the arbitration proceedings held in the port of arrival. That London happens to be many thousands of miles away from Hong Kong is perhaps unfortunate, but our Chinese friends must know that Hong Kong is just as many miles away from London, yet it is unlikely that a British exporting house would complain because a Chinese consignee in Hong Kong desired a dispute over a shipment to be submitted to arbitration locally.

The grievance of the Chinese dealers in ginger is of some years' standing, but it appears they are gradually abandoning the attitude taken in April last when it was decided to do no more business with British firms under contracts stipulating that any dispute arising out of such agreements should be settled by arbitration in London. That a Chinese merchant, who is involved in heavy losses as the result of an arbitration award feels dissatisfied is only natural, but it does not follow that because he suffers loss the decision is in itself a "bad" one. The allegation has been made that the London decisions have been "bad" and that London merchants have "vented" excuses for evading their responsibilities. In the absence of concrete evidence on these points it would be improper to express an opinion, but we do say that in no city in the world can a Chinese merchant feel more certain of getting a "bad" deal than in London. Nobody would be so foolish as to deny that there are business-men in England not only capable but guilty of sharp practice. A mere glance at a newspaper will provide evidence on that point, but it would not be so easy to find such dishonesty receiving the approval of men acting in the responsible position of arbitrators in a commercial dispute. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the Chinese dealers will in time come to have complete faith in the impartiality of arbitration proceedings held in London under the auspices of a recognised commercial authority.

The Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, K.C., C.B.E., was among the passengers arriving in the Colony yesterday by the s.s. "Ashmir" from Shanghai. Sir Henry has been presiding over the Full Court there, and, with Sir Peter Grais and Judge J. W. King, heard a number of important appeals.

Special dinner dances have been arranged at several local hotels for Christmas and New Year's Eve. Dances are being held on both nights at King Edward Hotel and we are informed that all the available accommodation is already booked for the New Year's Eve Carnival to be held at Repulse Bay Hotel.

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation informs us that they are opening a Kowloon Sub-Agency with offices in the Peninsula Hotel on January 2nd next. Clients desirous of transferring Savings Bank or Current Accounts from this office to the Kowloon Office may do so on or after that date. The usual banking business will be transacted.

Prices paid for works of Mr. Kipling at Sotheby's were—First edition of "Schoolboy Lyrics," printed at Lahore in 1891, with an outside pen and ink design by Mr. Kipling, £1,100. A first edition, Kipling, with autograph inscription, of "Echoes" by Rudyard Kipling, and Beatrice, his sister, 1894, £450. "Letters of Marjorie," the suppressed English edition, £1,800. Autographed manuscript of "With Scindia to Delhi," £550.

Pte. James Boyle, of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers, was again brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of stabbing Sergeant A. Kerr, of the same Regiment on board the troopship "Somersetshire" on the high seas between Aden and Colombo, on the night of October 19th. Det.-Insp. Lane told his Worship that he had sent Military Authorities here had sent a cable asking for information about the wounded man and had as yet received no reply. The case was again remanded for a week.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

H.K. PORTUGUESE THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I shall be obliged if you will grant me space to correct a misstatement in an article headed "What Happened to Jones" in your issue of the 14th instant.

The misstatement I allude to runs as follows: "This is the first attempt by the Portuguese locally to organize a stage-play."

Old playgoers will recollect the successful presentations of "The Belle of New York," "The Geisha" and "The Mascot" at the Club Lusitane as far back as in 1908, 1909 and 1911 respectively and the subsequent reduction at Canton, by special request of the Canton Club, of the last-mentioned play, which the way was most enthusiastically received there.

Since then, various plays have been from time to time produced by the local Portuguese Community and it is, I should think, hardly fair to describe the forthcoming production of "What Happened to Jones" as a "first local Portuguese attempt."—Yours, etc.

A. PLAYGOER.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory, Hong Kong, at 5.05 p.m. yesterday state:—

The anti-cyclone to the north of Korea is probably moving east.

Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea.

Local forecast:—North-east winds, moderate fine to cloudy.

## GRAND TATTOO PRIZES.

The prizes were distributed as follows:—

1st, (Clock) Standard Oil Co. of New York.

2nd, (2 Alabaster lamps) Messrs. A. Lung & Co.

3rd, (Clock) Asiatic Petroleum Co.

Private Cars.

1st, (Statuette) Mr. R. C. Ham.

Motor Cycles.

1st, (Alabaster lamp) Sincere Co., Ltd.

2nd, (Clock) Mr. P. Sands.

Empire Car.

Miss Barbara Walker, "Britannia"; Miss Essie Rose, "Australia"; Miss Phyllis Capell, "Canada"; Miss Yvonne Kelly, "South Africa"; Mrs. K. S. Parry, "India"; Miss Violet Capell (organizer).

Each of these ladies received a cut glass scent bottle.

Dutch Car.

Mrs. M. Van Heurn, Mrs. W. Keyser, Mrs. J. Van Nieuwenbuis, M. de Bruyn, Mrs. C. Wierink, Mrs. R. de Vries, Mrs. C. Wierink.

Each of these ladies received a "Dutch" shoe, a model of their car.

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## HONG KONG A.A. DINNER.

## CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW OF YEAR'S WORK.

## TATTOO MOTOR PARADE PRIZES DISTRIBUTED.

The Hong Kong Automobile Association held its second annual dinner at the Peninsula Hotel last night. About 380 guests were present and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The guests were received in the large, first floor lounge and, after the usual preliminaries to a Hong Kong dinner, an adjournment was made to the Roof Garden.

An excellent dinner was served, and with two extremely good bands playing the floor was pretty well filled with dancers between the courses. The Peninsula Roof Garden floor is settling down very well and already shows promise of being as good as any floor in the Colony.

The President, Mr. P. M. Hodgson, made a speech reviewing the Association's work during the past year and then called on Mrs. Wolfe, M.B.E., to distribute the prizes won at the Grand Tattoo Motor Parade.

The President said:—Ladies and Gentlemen.—It is customary for the President of this Association to make a speech at the Annual Dinner Dance. I am told I must conform to the custom.

It is very encouraging to see so many members and their friends present to-night. We may be proud of the fact that this is the first Public Dinner Dance held in the ball-room of this beautiful hotel although I understand that upon the night of the opening of the hotel last Tuesday a dance was held in this room but that it was merely to train the "boys," a rehearsal for the band and the means of polishing the floor for us.

I must be brief to-night as we have something else to do, namely, to present the prizes awarded for the best and most cleverly decorated cars in the Tattoo Procession.

The Judges had great difficulty in coming to a decision to whom to award these prizes owing to the general excellence of the exhibits. I think the Empire Car stood out but as this was put in by this Association it did not compete for a prize. The most effective car was that of the Standard Oil Company as a Service Station complete in the minutest detail, and this takes 1st prize of the Trade Cars. Mr. Ham's Private Car was excellent and takes 1st prize in this section, whilst for motor-cycles those of the Sincere Co., Ltd. and Mr. Sands were adjudged to be the best.



**DEMONSTRATIONS IN NANKING.****STUDENTS AND JAPAN NEGOTIATIONS.****CHIANG KAI SHEK'S STERN REPROOF.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

NANKING, Dec. 14th.

Students have yesterday demonstrated against the Sino-Japanese negotiations, particularly in connection with the Nishihara loans, and the outlook for a time was so serious that squads of troops, gendarmes and police were called out to maintain order. Special guards were placed around the Foreign and Finance Ministries and the Japanese Consulate. The demonstrators raided C. T. Wang's residence and damaged the furniture. Chiang Kai Shek called the demonstrators to the office of the Central Kuomintang and severely lectured them for resorting to violence.

**Permission Needed.**

The State Council this afternoon discussed yesterday's riot, in which the Foreign Minister's house was sacked, and the Council condemned the action of the demonstrators. It was decided that in future no public meetings should be held in Nanking without the permission of the Government authorities.

**NISHIHARA LOAN.****(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).**

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14th.

The Nanking Financial Ministry issued a notification yesterday refusing the report that the Nationalist Government had recognised the so-called Nishihara Loan by the Soong-Yada negotiations. It went on to point out that the problem of the Nishihara Loan had not been mentioned during the negotiations nor had any plan for the redemption of the loan been drawn up.

**TROUBLE IN SZECHUAN.****(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).**

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14th.

Military leaders in Szechuan have received orders from Nanking to organise a provincial government after the pattern and under the direction of the Nanking Government. This has aroused serious opposition on the part of some military leaders, and their ill-feeling has run to such a pitch that a civil war has developed. Those who are in favour of the Nanking Government include Liu Sheng, Liu Wen Fei and Tan Chung Yao while their opponents are Tang Shih Hui and Lai Hsin Fei, who are still loyal to the ex-warlord, Wu Pei Fu. General Yang Sen's attitude towards this critical situation is doubtful.

**CURIOUS PEKING STRIKE.****TRAM CONDUCTORS AND SOLDIERS AT VARIANCE.**

PEKING, Dec. 10th.

Peking's twenty thousand ricksha pullers have settled one of the most unusual street-car strikes in history. The settlement came only after free rides on the cars had been offered to the entire city for several days.

The trouble started when some Nationalist soldiers assaulted a conductor and beat up a motorman who attempted to interfere. A street-car inspector who happened to see the incident stood by without saying a word.

Immediately all the street-car employees decided to strike. "Soldiers have beaten up some of our members before," they said. "But this is Nationalist China, and ordinary people are supposed to have some rights."

But the employees didn't want to inconvenience the general public. They wanted the company to assure their protection from assaults by soldiers. They wanted the Nationalist Government to promise that their strikers would behave. So they quietly took over the company's power-house, and began to operate the cars. Conductors were instructed to accept no fares, but to tell every passenger he could ride free until the "strike" was settled. Then Peking's ricksha pullers heard of the decision. "What about us?" they cried. "You are taking the food out of our mouth. We can get no work." This appeal had a prompt effect, and now the street-car conductors are collecting fares again.—United Press.

**HEARTY WELCOME FOR HOOVER.****ENTHUSIASM IN BUENOS AIRES.****CAVALRY ESCORT NEEDED.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 14th.

President Irigoyen and other high officials met Mr. Hoover at the station, where he was tumultuously welcomed by 100,000 people who swept through the police lines and surged round him shouting "Viva." A cavalry escort had to be provided to conduct him to the Embassy.

**CONFERENCE OF COAL OWNERS.****GREATER CO-OPERATION IN EXPORT.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

RUGBY, Dec. 14th.

Colliery owners from all the exporting areas in Britain met in London yesterday further to consider proposals for the co-ordination and extension of existing marketing schemes, and additional progress was made. It is however pointed out that even when the idea of inter-district co-operation is accepted in principle, there will remain an enormous amount of ground to be covered in formulating agreed propositions. Further meetings will be held in due course.

**AIR SERVICE TO SOUTH AFRICA.****POINTS OF DEAL TO BE SETTLED.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

RUGBY, December 13th.

Questioned in the House of Commons to-day regarding the establishment of an air service between London and South Africa, Sir Philip Sassoon, Under-Secretary for Air, said a number of flights had taken place between London and South Africa and intermediate points.

Valuable information had been obtained as a result, but the actual details of the route selected would depend on whether land planes or sea planes were used on certain parts of the journey. That could only be determined when concrete proposals were formulated.

The Air Minister expected such proposals to be made in the near future, and if these were considered practicable, immediate steps would be taken, in co-operation with the Government of South Africa, who were aware of our intention and desire to develop air communications of that nature.

**REPLY TO EXCLUSION LAWS.**

PEKING, Dec. 10th.

Reports have been received here that the Nanking Government is contemplating the enactment of an "exclusion" law similar to those in force against Chinese in the United States, some of the British Dominions and Japan.

The law, if passed, could not interfere with rights held by treaty, but twenty rights do not permit foreigners to live in the interior of China or own property except in the treaty ports, except for missionary work.

The recent treaty with Belgium grants to Belgians the right to live and own property in the interior. In return, Belgium agrees to give up her special legal rights next January 1st, 1930.

The law, if passed, would make no changes in the position of Americans or Europeans generally, but would deprive them from sharing in the privileges granted to Belgium under the new treaty. At present, the most favoured nation clause would give them these rights.

**STUDENTS "MOURN" A CLOSED COLLEGE.**

PEKING, Dec. 11th.

After battling for several months to persuade the Nanking Government to alter their decision to close down the College of Finance in Peking, more than 100 former students have staged a three day "mourning" ceremony, during which funeral rites similar to those held for a dead person were observed.—United Press.

**HUGE INVESTMENT TRUST.****IMPRESSIVE DIRECTORATE.****BIG ISSUE TO PUBLIC.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]**

NEW YORK, Dec. 14th.

The formation is officially announced of a standard industries incorporated combination investment trust and holding company with a capital of \$100,000,000, of which it is understood that \$70,000,000 will be offered to the public.

Investments will probably be made in companies conducting fundamentally related business, producing and distributing trade marked articles or standard commodities capable of wide use.

The directorate includes the Vice-Chairman of the British-American Tobacco Company, the President of the Canadian Life Insurance Company and several well known bankers and leaders of the metal industry.

**LIQUOR FOR THE STATES.****ALCOHOL SMUGGLED FROM CANADA.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

OTTAWA, Dec. 13th.

A conference has been arranged between Canada and the United States for a discussion of the problem of the smuggling of alcoholic liquor from Canada into the United States.

The conference, according to present arrangements, will be held at Ottawa in January.

**GREEK STERLING BONDS.****READY RESPONSE IN LONDON.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

RUGBY, December 13th.

The issue in London to-day of £4,000,000 of six per cent. sterling bonds of the Greek Government met with a ready response, and the subscription lists were closed this morning.

**JACOB DICKINSON DEAD.****LATE U.S. WAR SECRETARY.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]**

NEW YORK, Dec. 13th.

The death has occurred of Mr. Jacob Dickinson, who was Secretary of State for War during the Taft Administration. The late Mr. Dickinson was 77 years of age, and lived latterly at Chicago.

**THE ENFORCEMENT OF PROHIBITION.****HUGE APPROPRIATIONS.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13th.

The Senate, without debate, to-day added over \$250,000,000 to the Treasury's appropriation bill for the enforcement of prohibition.

It is extremely unlikely that the House of Representatives will endorse this sum.

**NEW YORK POLICE COMMISSIONER.****RESIGNATION FOLLOWS ROYSTEIN MURDER.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]**

NEW YORK, Dec. 13th.

The City Police Commissioner, Mr. Warren, has tendered his resignation.

His department has been severely criticised for its conduct of the Rothstein case, a recent New York underworld crime, in which Mr. Rothstein, a well-known sportsman, was shot dead in the street, after allegedly losing \$70,000 at poker and refusing to pay on the grounds that play had not been fair.

**FRANCE'S ACTIVE SURPLUS.****BUDGET PASSED BY CHAMBER.****[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]**

The Chamber has passed the Budget for 1929, providing 45,415,151,742 francs receipts and 45,308,150,968 francs expenditure, leaving an active surplus plus of 106,996,773 francs.

**FOUNDATION FOR HOPE.****KING'S CONDITION IMPROVES.****ARDUOUS STRUGGLE.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

LONDON, Dec. 13th.

For the next few days grave anxiety for the King must continue, it was authoritatively stated this afternoon. Until it is definitely known whether the King's strength is sufficient to conquer the considerable weakness following yesterday's operation, His Majesty's condition must be regarded as serious.

The heavy tax on the King's strength, already impaired, was one of the grave considerations which the doctors had to weigh up before performing the operation.

The decision to undertake active treatment was a grave one, and before taking it, it is understood they consulted both the Queen and the Prince of Wales.

**As Good As Possible.**

An official statement was issued from Buckingham Palace at 3.15 p.m. to the effect that "the King is progressing."

The evening bulletin was posted at approximately 8.15 p.m. and stated:

"Though the King is still suffering from exhaustion there is a slight improvement in His Majesty's condition this evening. The local condition remains satisfactory."

(Signed) STANLEY HEWITT, H. M. ROBY, DAWSON OF PENN.

Consulted regarding the evening bulletin, an eminent physician not connected with the Court, expressed the opinion that, in all the circumstances, the bulletin is as good as one could get.

**SLIGHTLY GREATER CONFIDENCE.****LONDON, Dec. 14th.**

The bulletin issued at 10.30 a.m. this morning states that the slight improvement in the King's condition, noted last night, has been maintained. Any slight, however, must be slow and difficult.

There was an air of slightly greater confidence among the officials at the Palace to-day, but it was emphasised that considerable anxiety must continue until it is known definitely whether the King's strength is sufficient to overcome the infection.

The King is going on as well as can be reasonably expected, but a long and arduous struggle must be faced before His Majesty can recover health.

The medical periodical, the *Lancet*, referring to the operation in today's issue, states "the position is so far satisfactory and those who are conversant with the course of the symptoms and their significance in these cases will recognize that we have here a foundation for the renewal of legitimate hopes."

**Critical Period Passed.**

The fact that His Majesty has passed safely through the twenty-four hours following the operation is a very good thing. The immediate danger after such an operation is the shock. Fortunately there appears to have been none. The outlook, the doctor thinks, is now completely changed.

The seriousness of the King's condition, and the Premier's deep concern was reflected in a small incident in the House of Commons this afternoon.

The Chief Government Whip announced that the Christmas adjournment would be taken on December 20th, Thursday next week, but omitted to say when the House would meet again.

One of the members asked, and Mr. Baldwin hesitated, and then replied quietly: "I would prefer to answer that question on Monday."

The present intention is that Parliament should reassemble on January 15th, but an earlier meeting would be necessary if the King died.

Princess Mary, at a meeting of the League of Mercy at St. James's Palace this afternoon, said: "You will be pleased to know that so far the condition of the King is satisfactory."

The Duke of York has cancelled his engagement to attend the annual dinner on Saturday of the Northamptonshire Association.

**(Continued on next column.)****THE "BIG THREE" IN CONFERENCE.****NO FURTHER MEETING ARRANGED.****LITTLE PROGRESS.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

LUGANO, Dec. 13th.

As was all along anticipated, the conversations between Sir Austen Chamberlain, Dr. Stresemann, and M. Briand, the Foreign Ministers of Britain, Germany and France respectively, concerning the evacuation of the Rhineland and the reparations problems have led to nothing definite.

Sir Austen Chamberlain was in conference with M. Briand and Dr. Stresemann for over an hour and a half to-day, following which he told British journalists that he was convinced the German Foreign Minister would return to Berlin less pessimistic in spirit than when he came.

The "Big Three" had all agreed that the first step should be to get the Committee of Experts working on the settlement of the reparation problem as soon as possible.

No decisions have been reached at Lugano. Further conversations will be continued through the usual diplomatic channels, no further meetings having been arranged.

**BRITAIN'S TRADE IN CHINA.****HIGH PRODUCTION COSTS.****IMMEDIATE OUTLOOK.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

LONDON, Dec. 13th.

An interesting report on the prospects of British trade in China has been submitted to the Government by Mr. H. E. Fox, C.M.G., the Commercial Counsellor at the British Legation, Peking.

The report deals at considerable length with the industrial and economic situation in China up to September last, and Mr. Fox expresses the opinion that until the country has settled down to a more or less uninterrupted period of peace and good government, the chances of any considerable development of British trade with China are very slight indeed.

The Counsellor also draws attention to the competition offered by other countries, and emphasises that if Britain is to recover her former share of the China trade, British manufacturers must do their utmost to reduce production costs to the lowest possible level.

**THE SOUTH AMERICAN TROUBLE.****PARAGUAY BLAMED BY BOLIVIA.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

LUGANO, Dec. 13th.

Bolivia has so far shown no signs of responding to the appeal for a more conciliatory spirit in connection with the dispute over El Chaco, though the immediate fear of an outbreak of hostilities appears to have been dispelled.

Both the Governments of Paraguay and Bolivia have now replied to the telegrams addressed to them by M. Briand, on behalf of the Council of the League of Nations.

Bolivia throws all the blame for the dispute on Paraguay.

Paraguay enters into explanations and foreshadows a pacific settlement of the dispute.

**Using Their Influence.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14th.

A special committee of the Pan-American Conference, appointed to deal with the Bolivia-Paraguay dispute, has recommended all the American republics participating in the conference to be called on to exercise their influence to smooth over the differences of the two countries.

**Coolidge's Good Wishes.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13th.

President Coolidge has cabled a cheering message to His Majesty the King, reflecting the sympathy and good wishes of the whole of America, stating: "I am greatly pleased to learn there is a distinct improvement in Your Majesty's health and trust your complete convalescence will now be a matter of a short time."

**The Reply.**

A message signed by Lord Stamfordham was sent in reply to President Coolidge. "H.M. the Queen is very grateful for your kind message, of which His Majesty will in due course be informed as soon as his strength permits."

Though the recent operation has successfully treated one phase of the King's serious illness, the consequences of general infection will entail many weeks of slow and arduous recovery, and complete convalescence can be reached.

**GOVERNMENT AID FOR MINERS.****AREAS "ADOPTED" BY TOWNS.****CHILDREN'S HEALTH.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

RUGBY, Dec. 14th.

It is generally anticipated that in the course of his statement in the Commons on Monday on distress in the mining areas, the Prime Minister will announce that the Government favour making an immediate and substantial grant to the Lord Mayor's fund for relief. If a treasury contribution is made it will probably be accompanied by an appeal to the public to continue to respond liberally to the fund, and by a statement indicating the extent of the problem.

The recent development of the methods whereby relief is afforded takes the form of the adoption of special areas in the coalfields by towns and districts in other parts of the country in which trade is good and there is little unemployment. Inquiries by the authorities indicate that up to the present children have not suffered physically owing to the distress, and exaggerated reports to the contrary may be disregarded.

**M. KLOTZ WRONGED.****PANTHEON MONEY SAFE.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

PARIS, Dec. 13th.

It is ascertained that the money subscribed for the Inter-Allied Pantheon at Amiens, to commemorate the Anglo-French war dead, has been duly handed to the French Government.

It was stated yesterday that M. Klotz was the promoter of this scheme, and that no statement had been issued as to how the hundreds of millions of francs subscribed in France and England had been applied.

**DECEMBER "CRIMINAL SESSIONS."****CASES ON THE CALENDAR.****CARVALHO YEO AND WATER RATES.**

The December Criminal Sessions will begin on Tuesday, and there are several cases down for trial. Among the names on the calendar is Carvalho Yeo, indicted on charges of falsifying the Government Water Accounts and also for forgery.

Carvalho Yeo, it will be remembered, was sentenced to ten years' hard labour by Mr. Justice P. J. Jackson on November 28th. The case against him for alleged defalcation of the water accounts being then adjourned sine die. Although the case will be called, it is not likely that it will be proceeded with, as Mr. H. G. Sheldone, junior Crown counsel, in the recent case said that in all probability nothing further would be heard of this charge.

Other cases on the calendar are: Yuen Ping Kwan: (1) piracy with acts endangering life (2) piracy.

Mowat Khan: rape.

Ho Fu: piracy.

Pun Tak and Ko Cho: robbery by two or more.

The Lam Fuk: robbery by two or more.

**HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.**

The Health Bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ending December 8th states:

**Plague.**

Rangoon: 1 death.

Colombo: 1 case, 1 death.

Poon Peak: 1 case, 1 death.

Eight infected rats found in Bombay zone 3; 2 found in Colombo zone 3, and 1 found in Cheribon.

**Cholera.**

Bombay: 1 death.

Calcutta: 30 deaths.

Tatooia: 1 case.

Bangkok: 2 cases.

**Small-pox.**

Suez: 11 cases.

Bazrah: 5 cases, 4 deaths.

Bombay: 2 cases, 2 deaths.

Calcutta: 4 cases, 2 deaths.

Nagapattam: 7 cases, 1 death.

Pondicherry: 4 deaths.

Belawan Deli: 1 case.

Samarinda: 1 case.

Sourabaya: 1 case.

Poon Peak: 23 cases, 9 deaths.

Shanghai: 6 deaths.

Canton: 4 cases.

Dairen: 2 cases.

**THE HOUSE OF LORDS.****ITS CONSERVATIVE FUNCTION.****CHECK ON HEADLONG LEGISLATION.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

RUGBY, Dec. 13th.

Lord Clarendon's proposals for the reform of the House of Lords were again before the Upper Chamber to-day.

The Marquis of Reading (Liberal) said the proposals were a very distinct advance on the proposals of the Government which were put before the House last year by the late Lord Chansellor Cave. All were agreed there must be reform of the House, with the object of giving all parties a fair representation therein. Hitherto it had been impossible to devise any plan which would obtain the universal assent of their Lordships.

**Quite Impossible.**

Continuing, Lord Reading said any scheme of reform agreeable to their Lordships would also have to gain the assent of the people of the country. An examination of Lord Clarendon's proposals, however, had convinced him that it was quite impossible to accept them in their present form. They must result in a predominantly Conservative membership of the House.

To proceed to the election of 150 Peers by proportional representation or cumulative vote of the Peers themselves must inevitably result in a very large majority of Conservative Peers out of that 150.

**Proposals Eliminated.**

Lord Newton moved an amendment limiting Lord Clarendon's proposals to the preamble, which declared the desirability of limiting the number of members of the House of Lords and making provision for the elective representation of the Peers and such other representation or nomination as would ensure to each political party a fair position in the House. This would eliminate Lord Clarendon's actual proposals.

Lord Clarendon accepted the amendment, and expressed his willingness also to substitute the word "reduce" for "limit."

The Marquis of Salisbury, replying for the Government, said the difficulty on this question lay rather in the House of Commons. How could the Government be identified with any special method of reform until its supporters in the Commons were able to come to some agreement?

**Ought To Be Conservative.**

Referring to the particular proposals of Lord Clarendon, he said he thought the Second Chamber ought, on the whole, to be Conservative. It was meant to be a check on careless or headstrong legislation. But the Government could not identify itself with Lord Clarendon's proposals. It must not accept a sketch until it was prepared to fill in the whole picture, and in this Parliament it had not the Lord Newton's amendment was adopted by 52 votes to 5.

**DOCTOR'S DEFENCE IN MURDER TRIAL.****WITNESS-BOX STORY OF GOLD COAST DRAMA.****KUMASI (Ashanti), Nov. 18th.**

Dramatic evidence was given here to-day when Dr. Benjamin Knowles, M.C., who is being tried on a charge of murdering the woman who was accepted as his wife, formerly Miss Madge Clifton, the music-hall star, who was married to Mr. G. A. Street, made a statement in his own defence.

The statement lasted three hours, and Dr. Knowles had not concluded when the court adjourned till tomorrow. He spoke in a clear, steady voice.

He had many papers and copious notes, to which the prosecution objected, pointing out that police witnesses were not permitted to have notes while in the witness-box. The judge overruled the objection, saying: "I see no reason why Dr. Knowles should not have papers to assist him. You must remember that he is being tried for his life."

Dr. Knowles' line of defence is that it was an accident.

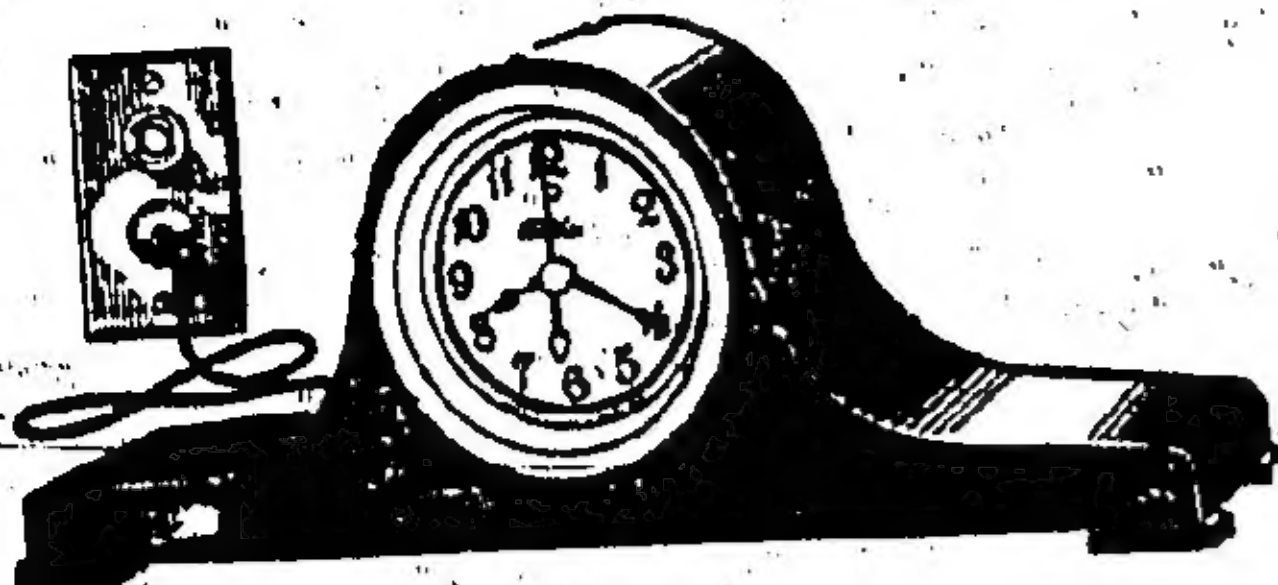
**Almost Asleep.**

He stated that he was in bed and almost asleep, having previously taken a sleeping draught, because of having had several sleepless nights, when he saw his wife undressing to go to bed. Suddenly he heard a shot fired, and jumped out of bed. She said, "My God! I am shot." Blood was flowing down her left side from a wound.

He attended to her and plugged the wound. She was in great pain, and she said she was afraid people would say she had committed suicide.

The Commissioner of Police was in the box for three and a half hours on Saturday. A large Army revolver was produced, and he endeavoured to prove that it was almost impossible for this type of revolver to go off by accident—in fact, he said, it needed a very strong pull of the trigger to discharge it.



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ing, and cures when all else fails. Mr. W. Shurety, now living at Dagenham, Essex, England, was twenty-one years in India and Mesopotamia and a Farrier Q.M.S. in the Indian Army. He says:—"The piles started when I was on the North West Frontier. The bleeding was severe and the pains agonizing—just like the cutting of a knife. On leaving the Service I was in a terrible state. But I followed my employment as a Commissioner in the City as long as I could. My doctor then ordered me to hospital for operation, but I met a chap who recommended me to try Zam-Buk. On the third day the piles were gone and the swelling and cures when all else fails.

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## LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY ON THE HONG KONG F.C. GROUND.

LAI WAH CUP: FINAL.

China v. Army. Kick-off at 3.30 p.m. Referee: L.S.B.A. Atkinson, R.N.; Linesmen: Messrs. T. G. Stokes and F. Smith.

The teams:—CHINA:—Pau Ka Ping (South China), Ng Kam Chuen (China Ath.) and Lai Yuk Tat (China Ath.); Leung Yuk Tong (China Ath.); Wong Shui Wah (China Ath.); and Lam Yuk Ying (China Ath.); Tso Kwai Shing (China Ath.); Lai Wai Coon (China Ath.); Fung King Cheong (South China); Suen Kum Shun (China Ath.) and Chan Kwong lu (China Ath.).

ARMY:—Mott (Beds and Herts); Hooper (Queen's Regt.) and Martin (K.O.S.B.); Everest (K.O.S.B.); Hill (Queen's Regt.) and Skings (K.O.S.B.); Cross (Beds and Herts); Stock (K.O.S.B.); Reeves (K.O.S.B.); Leach (B.A.) and Caldwell (Queen's Regt.).

LAI WAH CUP COMPETITION.

For the final to-day, the teams representing China and the Army have been carefully chosen and the game should be a very keen and interesting one. A large crowd is expected and the crowd promises to be a record one. H.E. the Officer Administering the Government has signified his intention of being present and should the result be definite, His Excellency will present the Lai Wah Cup to the winning team and miniature cup to each player of the successful team.

The cup was presented by the Lai Wah Company for Annual Competition among chosen teams. Winners to date are:—1925 Civilians; 1926 Civilians; 1927 The Army; 1928 Civilians.

China, who up to the present has not won the trophy, is strongly represented to-day. Fung King Cheong, South China's centre-forward, will lead the attack. The only other representative of the South China team is Pau Ka Ping, who will keep goal. These are two of the Colony's most promising young players and will be well to the front in this game. The rest of the China team will be drawn from the China Athletic.

The Army will miss the services of Sims who has played for them in representative matches during his tour in Hong Kong. The Army inside forwards are a goal scoring trio and the China defence may expect a busy time. Cross and Mott, of the Beds and Herts Regt., are new comers, but they have been doing great things at the Northern port. The Queen's Regt. have three representatives, while the Garrison Regt. (K.O.S.B.) has been called upon to furnish five. Gee (Beds and Herts) has been selected to stand by. This player gave a good account of himself as a forward against Hong Kong in the last Interport game. The rest of the reserves are Excell (R.A.) and Cantor (Queen's Regt.).

The game will be of ninety minutes duration and should the teams then be equal, extra time, ten minutes each way will be played.

## OTHER GAMES.

The following games in the Hong Kong League are down for decision to-day:—

## Division I.

Kick-off at 4 p.m.  
Kowloon F.C. v. Hong Kong Police, Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: P.O. Cowan.

## Division II.

Kick-off at 2.15 p.m.  
China Athletic Reserve v. South China "A," Hong Kong F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Lawrence.

Kick-off at 3.30 p.m.  
Eastern F.C. v. Queen's Regt. Res., China Athletic ground. Referee: Ego Lamb.  
St. Joseph's v. Royal Navy Res., St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Sergt. Clark.  
Small Units Res. v. Kowloon Res., Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Samy.  
Club de Recreo Res. v. R.A. Res., King's Park ground. Referee: Lee-Corpl. Shead.

## LAWN TENNIS.

MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

## SEMI-FINALS TO-DAY.

The concluding rounds of the first Open Mixed Doubles Championship of the Colony are fixed for to-day and to-morrow on the courts of the Chinese Recreation Club, and some very interesting contests are expected. Keen rivalry prevails among the remaining four successful pairs who will feature this afternoon, in the semi-finals, the respective winners meeting to-morrow in the final. Play to-day commences at 2.45 p.m. when the first semi-final will be decided, at the conclusion of which the second will start.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

## GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

SUNDAY'S STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING.

9.30 a.m.	A. B. Stewart and D. G. MacDonald.
9.35	O. E. C. Marton and R. H. Hollis.
9.40	S. T. Butlin and N. K. Littlejohn.
9.44	E. R. Hallifax and T. G. Bennett.
9.48	G. E. Towns and J. Cameron.
9.52	W. J. Roberts and D. H. Perry.
9.56	R. A. Campbell and M. M. Maas.
10.00	W. C. Clark and W. A. Weight.
10.04	A. B. Parvaz and J. S. MacLaren.
10.08	A. Morley and D. M. Goodall.
10.12	E. P. Fletcher and S. M. Monroe.
10.16	D. W. McWhirter and A. Webster.
10.20	C. B. Riggs and H. W. Beveridge.
10.24	A. E. Lissaman and H. U. Ireland.
10.28	R. M. Chaloner and H. Spicer.
10.32	C. B. Johnson and A. B. Rayworth.
10.36	A. Leach and F. A. Merry.
10.40	C. G. Holmes and G. R. Horridge.
10.44	L. Garner and G. E. Mitchell.
10.48	J. H. Davy and H. N. Laver.
10.52	J. M. Walker and I. W. Shewan.
10.56	A. H. Ferguson and L. R. Andrews.
11.00	R. A. Green and F. M. Ellis.
11.04	T. L. Christie and J. H. Rakkes.
11.08	J. M. Norrie and J. Gardner.
11.12	A. E. Wood and Major Beamish.
11.16	C. W. Jeffries and L. J. Blackburn.
11.20	A. R. Cox and C. J. Waddell.
11.24	J. Fleming and J. P. Sherry.
11.28	T. S. Morrison and D. Smith.
11.32	Major Hull and F. G. Fowle.

## CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY v. COMBINED LEAGUE.

The following have been selected to represent the University, Past and Present, in their annual match against the Combined League to-day at 2.30 p.m. sharp on the home ground.—A. A. Runjahn (captain), Dr. D. Laing, T. E. Yeoh, E. Zimmern, C. W. Lam, W. K. Slings, V. Gittins, A. P. Gutierrez, F. I. Zimmern, E. A. Lee and A. T. Lee.

H.K.C.C. UNDER 30 v. OVER 30.

On H.K.C.C. ground at 2 p.m. to-day:—Under 30:—A. C. I. Bowker (captain), H. E. Armstrong, J. Bonnar, C. Bradley, H. F. L. Ewins, H. V. Parker, V. W. J. Station, J. A. Summers, R. H. D. Wade, C. D. Wales, and L. Goldman.  
Over 30:—H. R. B. Hancock (captain), Capt. A. N. Evers, Major D. Gay, A. W. Hayward, E. J. R. Mitchell, T. E. Pearce, Rev. E. K. Quick, A. Reid, Col. T. A. Robinson, and W. K. Tait.

## LADIES' HOCKEY.

The following Ladies have been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club in a match against the St. Andrew's Young Men's Club, at King's Park to-day at 2.30:—Misses M. B. Bird, B. Laing, M. Wallace, E. O'Hagen, E. R. Bell, B. Taylor, I. C. Bell, W. McNeillie, D. Stanion, M. Hansen, and Mrs. M. J. Jarvis.

## BASKET BALL.

The Y.M.C.A. second team last night beat the St. Andrew's Young Men's Club by 10 points to 8.

## F.A. CUP REPLAY.

LUTON BEATS FULHAM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Dec. 15th.  
Fulham were eliminated from the English Cup Competition to-day, Luton winning by 4 goals to one.

The semi-finalists are:—Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Tottenham v. Lieut. and Mrs. Hale. Miss Enid L. and M. W. L. v. Mrs. Miles and H. Owen Hughes.

## THE SECOND TEST MATCH.

PONSFORD INJURED.

AUSTRALIA BAT ALL DAY.

A crowd of 20,000 had collected at Sydney to see the opening of the second Test Match. There had been some early morning rain, but the wicket was not affected, and the players took the field in bright sunshine. Ryder won the toss, and sent in Woodfull and Richardson to face the bowling of Larwood and Geary.

The batsmen were scoring steadily and the half century had just been signalled when Larwood clean bowled Richardson. Kippax soon fell to Geary and lunch was taken with the score at 80 for 2 wickets. At this point Ponsford had scored 2.

## Ponsford's Accident.

In the second over after lunch, when Larwood was bowling, Ponsford attempted to turn a ball which kicked up nastily. The ball struck him on the back of the left hand and fractured a bone in his little finger. It is feared that he will be unable to play again for another two or three weeks. A subsequent X-ray examination showed that certainly one and possibly two bones had been broken. The score had been raised to 75 when Ponsford was forced to retire.

Woodfull played a patient and skilful innings of 173 minutes for his 68, in the course of which he hit four 4's. Hendry had the same number of boundaries to his credit when he hit over a ball which rose sharply. When the fourth wicket fell, Geary had the wonderful analysis of 7-4-7-3. Tea was taken with the score at 163 for 4.

## Oldfield's Triumph.

The crowd had increased to 40,000 on the resumption, and they saw Ryder increase his score from 4 to 53 before falling a victim to Geary. His excellent innings lasted for 55 minutes, in the course of which he hit three 4's. Oldfield played a very plucky innings at a most critical period, and at the drawing of stumps he was still undefeated with 40 runs to his credit. At this point Geary's analysis read 18-5-35-3.

## Australia—1st Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, l.b.w. b	68
Geary	29
V. Richardson, b Larwood	27
A. F. Kippax, b Geary	9
W. H. Ponsford, retired hurt	5
H. T. Hendry, b Geary	37
J. S. Ryder, l.b.w. b Geary	25
C. E. Nottidge, b Larwood	8
W. A. Oldfield, not out	40
C. V. Grimmett, run out	9
D. Blackie, b Geary	8
Extras	15
Total	251

H. Ironmonger to bat.

Fall of the wickets:—1/51; 2/83; 3/152; 4/153; 5/171; 6/192; 7/222; 8/251.

The M.C.C. team is:—

A. P. F. Chapman (Kent), J. C. White (Somerset), D. R. Jardine (Surrey), Hobbs (Surrey), Sutcliffe (Yorkshire), Hendren (Middlesex), Tate (Sussex), Larwood (Notts), Hammond (Gloucester), Geary (Leicester), Duckworth (Lancashire).

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BAZAAR.

FANCY ARTICLE STALL 50 CENTS RAFFLE.

Ticket No. 2, Rev. P. H. Taggart, 1st prize; 17, Tui Noronha, 2nd; 42, Miss M. Loureiro, 3rd; 144, A. Chisholm Batten, 4th; 168, P. H. Larken, 5th; 106, E. Alves, 6th; 146, K. M. Young, 7th; 15, Aurea Sousa, 8th; 145, K. M. Young, 9th; 125, Messey Alves, 10th.

The 822 Hat presented by the Dolly Varden House was won by Mrs. A. J. Kinchin, and the Diamond ring which was hidden in the Surprise Cake was won by the Rev. Father Riganti.

## CINEMA NEWS.

"WHY SAILORS GO WRONG."

SHOWING AGAIN AT QUEEN'S.

"Why Sailors Go Wrong," the film which drew crowded houses at the Queen's when it was shown there recently, will return to that theatre on Tuesday next, for one day only.

Sammy Cohen and Ted McNamara, the comedy team of "What Price Glory" and "The Gay Retreat," encounter a number of alarming adventures when they are called on a tropical island where cannibal chiefs, lions and dark skinned beauties make things warm for them. Sally Phipps and Nick Stuart, who were recently seen here in "The News Parade," also have important parts to play, and "Why Sailors Go Wrong" is probably one of the funniest comedies ever screened in Hong Kong.

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## CHURCH NOTICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

DECEMBER 16th, 1928—Advent III.

Sunday:—Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Children's Service at 10 a.m. Peak Sunday School at 10 a.m. Matins at 11 a.m. Preacher—The Dean. Holy Communion at 12 noon. Evensong at 6 p.m. Preacher—Rev. H. V. Koop. Social Evening in Cathedral Hall after Evensong.

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SUNDAY SERVICE, December 16th, 1928, at 11.15 a.m.:

Subject:—"God The Preserver of Man."

The Sunday School is held on Sunday Mornings at 10 o'clock.

Wednesday Evening Meeting at 5.30 p.m.

Reading Room at above address, open:—Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Monday and Thursday, 3 to 7 p.m.

The Public is cordially invited to attend the services and visit the Reading Room.

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KOWLOON.

SUNDAY, December 16th, 1928—3rd Sunday in Advent:—

8.15 a.m.—Holy Communion.

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School Service.

11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.

Preacher:—The Vicar.

2.45 p.m.—Sunday Schools.

6.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Preacher:—The Rev. J. J. Hodgins, C.F.

WEDNESDAY, December 19th, 1928:—

6.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Address.

FRIDAY, December 21st, 1928—St. Thomas Day:—

7.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

SUNDAY SERVICES, December 16th, 1928:—

Morning at 10.15 a.m.:

Preacher:—Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey.

Subject:—"Grace."

Evening at 6 p.m.:

Preacher:—Mr. A. H. Gardner.

SAILORS' AND SOLDIERS' HOME, ARSENAL STREET.

SUNDAY, December 16th, 1928:—

3.00 p.m.—Men's Bible Class.

8.15 p.m.—Service Men's Bazaar.

WEDNESDAY, December 19th, 1928:—

8.15 p.m.—Gospel Meeting for Service Men.

Sunday School at 3.00 p.m. at the Church.

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Pres. Van Buren, Sun., Jan. 13, 8 a.m.

Pres. Pierce, Dec. 18th, 6 p.m.  
Pres. Jackson, Dec. 22nd, 8 p.m.  
Pres. Taft, Jan. 1st, 8 p.m.

Pres. McKinley, Jan. 5th, 6 p.m.  
Pres. Jefferson, Jan. 15th, 6 p.m.  
Pres. Grant, Jan. 19th, 8 p.m.

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### HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Dec. 14th.

Previous On Date On Date  
Day at 2 p.m. 8 a.m. 2 p.m.

Barometer ... 30.03 ... 30.03 ... 29.97  
Temperature ... 69 ... 69 ... 71  
Humidity ... 63 ... 79 ... 64  
Wind ... E ... NNE ... E  
Direction ... 4 ... 2 ... 3  
Force ... B ... C ... B  
Weather ... B ... C ... B  
Rain ... 0.00 ... 0.00 ... 0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 12th: 73  
Lowest open-air Temperature, 13th: 66

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder

### HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 15th to 21st, 1928.

High Water Low Water

Days of Week Date Month Hong Kong Standard Time Height Hong Kong Standard Time Height

Sat. 15 10 24 4 2 5 56 1 3

Sun. 16 10 28 4 2 5 43 4 0

Mon. 17 11 46 7 4 2 27 1 4

Tues. 18 No. inter. high nor low wat. m 8 17 1 0

Wed. 19 No. inter. high nor low wat. m 0 43 7 0 9 8 1 8

Thur. 20 m 1 56 4 4 6 46 4 4

Fri. 21 m 3 10 5 9 10 47 1 4

Sat. 22 m 5 27 5 5 11 8 2 8

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### UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

### MATRICULATION AND SENIOR LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

The Matriculation Honours List for November this year is as follows:

QUEEN'S COLLEGE—Chow Koxik (distinction in trigonometry); Li K. Tung (dist. in mathematics, geography, physics and trigonometry); Ling Kam Hon (dist. in physics); Harbans Singh (dist. in Urdu, physics, chemistry and trigonometry); So Kai Sang (dist. in chemistry); Wong Mung Fay (dist. in physics and higher mathematics).

WANG YAN COLLEGE—Tia Meng Eau (dist. in trigonometry).

St. Joseph's College—Cheung Shu Ling (dist. in history and trigonometry); F. A. Gill (dist. in history, higher mathematics and trigonometry); H. F. Goncalves (dist. in English and trigonometry); M. H. Murphy (dist. in English, French, trigonometry and mechanics); Pak Chongchareon (dist. in trigonometry and mechanics); Albert Thomas (dist. in French and trigonometry); H. W. Wing Lee (dist. in trigonometry and mechanics).

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL—D. J. N. Anderson (dist. in English, mathematics, physics, trigonometry and mechanics); S. A. Broadbridge (dist. in geography and trigonometry); A. T. Nomakhay (dist. in physics and trigonometry); Wong Sui Shing (dist. in trigonometry).

KING'S COLLEGE—Chiu Put Po (dist. in chemistry).

SACRED HEART SCHOOL—Tsang Koon Cook (dist. in history and trigonometry).

CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL—E. L. Hayes (dist. in English, mathematics and trigonometry); E. A. Hosford (dist. in English, history and trigonometry).

PRIVATE STUDY—W. J. C. Fletcher (dist. in trigonometry and mechanics).

Senior Local Honours List.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE—Douglas Hunt; Tse Kong In.

St. Joseph's College—Chau Chu Wan (dist. in trigonometry); Ho Siew Um (dist. in mechanics).

St. Mary's School—Carmen M. da Silva (dist. in needlework).

St. Stephen's Girls' College—Choy Oi Chee (dist. in Biblical knowledge and music).

ITALIAN CONVENT—Marie Yau.

CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL—J. A. M. Black (dist. in English and trigonometry).

\* Qualified for Matriculation.

Matriculation Pass List.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE—Cheung King Chiu; Chung Shing Ho; S. H. Ho; Jack Hui (dist. in trigonometry); F. H. Cho (dist. in trigonometry); Li Fuk Fai; Li Yung Wai; Tam Yuk Tsun (dist. in trigonometry); Wai Hoi Ki (dist. in trigonometry); Yeung Shu Hung (dist. in mathematics, trigonometry and book-keeping).

WANG YAN COLLEGE—Cheung Wai Man (dist. in mathematics); Kong Yue Kau (dist. in trigonometry); Lai Woot Ki; Tong Shing (dist. in trigonometry); Tse Chu Cheung (dist. in trigonometry); Wong Yuk Shu (dist. in trigonometry).

St. Joseph's College—Chao Pao Yung (dist. in trigonometry); A. F. Noronha; J. C. Quance; C. F. Rosario; C. M. C. Victor (dist. in trigonometry); Woo Pak Chuen (dist. in trigonometry).

St. Paul's College—Chan Lee Kok (dist. in history); Li Man Yick.

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL—Chow Hon Shu (dist. in trigonometry); A. S. A. Kyum (dist. in trigonometry); Lee Ian Pit; W. A. Thomson (dist. in trigonometry); Wan Kat Lam (dist. in trigonometry); Wee Chai Eng; Wee Chai Gee; M. M. Yahyabboy.

St. Stephen's College—Chan Kwong Chung; Chang Yung Shing; Kho Pek Po; Lee Lock; Tan Chu Song; Tse Eng Lit.

KING'S COLLEGE—Lau Shing Ki; Leong Mo Shun (dist. in trigonometry); Ng Yee Sin.

PRIVATE STUDY—W. Hunt; Lim Bo Chin; Quek Cheng Kim; Shum Ip Kwong (dist. in mechanics); Chan Shu Fatt.

BELLIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL—Fung Mui Tsing; Ho Siu Hing; Ng Po Yung; Wong Lai Wan.

FRENCH CONVENT—Rose Perry.

The following have qualified for entry into the Medical Faculty: William Lai Fook; Tay Kam Swan; R. Leong.

Senior Local Pass List.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE—Chan Po Ying; Chow Ho Man (dist. in trigonometry); Chui Ping Kuen; Li Kai Ying; Lo Hoi In; Ng Woo.

WANG YAN COLLEGE—Lau Yuen (dist. in trigonometry); Leung Yuen Chung; Ma Shung Chi; Mok Ping Nam; Ng Tsun Fan; Tang Ning Wah; Wong Chak Chuen; Wong Kam Shuen; Luk Kong Leung.

St. Joseph's College—Choi Wing Ki; C. M. Xavier.

St. Paul's College—Chan Ki Sum; Pong Tak Ming; Tang Nai Chiu; Tse Wai Lam.

TUTORIAL INSTITUTE—Chan Sau Ping; Fong Yatt Jiao; Kan Lai To; Tan Cho Cher; Tsoi Kwan Shu (dist. in trigonometry); Wong Ka Chie; Wong Lasa Kai.

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL—Ma Chiu Chong; B. Wong; Wong Ki Hui.

KING'S COLLEGE—Fung Hing Kan (dist. in trigonometry); Lai Chin Cheong.

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### TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

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11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.—British Official Wireless Press Demonstration Programme. Records. Chinese and European Music.

1.45 p.m.—Weather Report.

3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.

7.45 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Evening Programme. (Columbia Records).

"Maritana" Overture

Columbia Symphony Orch.

"Petit Suite De Concert"

Queen's Hall Orchestra.

"Peer Gynt Suite"

Queen's Hall Orchestra.

"Farewell Blues"

Charleston Chasers.

"My Gal Sal"

In Waiting for Ships that never Come In

"Joline"

Tracy-Brown's Orchestra.

"Ten Little Miles from Town"

Out of the Dawn"

Faul Ash Dance Orchestra.

"Little Log Cabin of Dreams"

"That's My Mammy"

The Radiolites.

"My Little Covered Wagon Pal"

"Moments with You"

Eddie Thomas' Collegians.

"Tom Jones"—Selections

Grenadier Guards Band.

"Evenings"

"The Storm"

Organ Solo by Pattman.

"Foolin' Time"

"When the Moon Comes"

Les Reisman's Dance Orch.

10 p.m.—British Official Wireless Press.

"Sweet Lorraine"

"If I can't have You"

Gerald Mark's Dance Orch.

"Don't Wait Until the Lights are Low"

"You're a Real Sweetheart"

Broadway Niteklites.

"Cheerio"

"One Step to Heaven"

The Radiolites.

"Song Hits"

Organ Medley by Quentin Maclean.

"Dream River"

"All Day Long"

Francis Craig's Dance Orch.

"Beautiful Face have a Heart"

"Too Busy"

Chicquet Club Eskimos.

"Right out of Heaven"

"Lady Whippoorwill"

Ben Selvin and his Orchestra.

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

### ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

BRO. MARCIAN'S TRIBUTE TO BRO. JOSEPH.

OLD BOYS' GATHERING.

The concert given by the members of the St. Joseph's College Old Boys' Association in the College Hall was very well attended. The Rev. Brother Marcan, the Deputy President of the Association, made an eloquent appeal to the old boys of the College to give their support to the Association. The concert which was thoroughly enjoyed included selections of Hawaiian melodies by the well known "Serenaders." Mr. John Braga captured the hearts of his audience with his violin solo, and Mr. C. Da Aquino sang a song from the Opera "Dinora." Incidentally, all performers were old boys of the College.

The address given by Brother Marcan before the interval was as follows:—

Our best thanks are due to Rev. Fr. Riganti, Mr. Baptista and those who have been a helping hand in the work of preparing this concert.

One Concert will finish this evening. There is another which ought to be continually in progress. Each has got a part to play on the stage of life and the chief aim of our Association is to help him to play it with honour to himself and to his Alma Mater.

The first step towards this end is to register as members. If there are any Old Boys present, who have not done so, they will be given an opportunity during the "Interval." The Secretary is here and I hope he will be kept busy.

In order to carry out our plans, we must have resources, and if each gives his mite, they will be ample.

The Late Bro. Joseph.

A word as to some proposed items of our programme of the Association. All old Boys have known the late Bro. Joseph but few have fully realised the extent of his services.

There are psychologists who tell us, that the most important period of our education, is that of early youth—between the ages of four and ten years. If this is true, we may form an idea of the influence for good, exerted by Brother Joseph during his twenty-seven years of devoted attention to the formation of the little ones who started their College career in Class Eight, on the first round of the ladder. It is but fitting, then, that something should be done to perpetuate his memory. A very effective means of doing so, would be that suggested by some members of the Association, the establishment of one or more scholarships for the lower classes.

We are all grateful to Mr. Woo Hay Tong, for the scholarships he has founded, for the boys of class three and above. It would be well if there were some to lead up to these. The College does its part for the boys of limited means, but there must be an ample source of supply to the amount allotted for this purpose. Otherwise, some promising boys may be kept out of school, during the best years of their lives. A timely helping hand, might be the means of putting them on the road to useful life. We sincerely hope, there will be resources forthcoming for this laudable work.

The Committee proposes that there should be an annual dinner some time in January: the date is not yet fixed.

As to the development of our Library, it must depend on the resources in hand. If some Honorary Members would come forward with donations, it would improve the situation greatly.

As Christmas is already on the horizon, I wish to avail myself of the occasion, to wish all present, all the Blessings of that holy Season.

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